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## Listed status win for war memorial campaigners

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SUPPORTERS of the town's war memorial say moving it as part of any civic centre redevelopment would be "an insult" after it was awarded protected Grade-II listed status this week.

Fears had been raised the tribute to fallen soldiers could become a victim of redevelopment plans for the town centre.

But now English Heritage has added the Mount Pleasant monument to its list of buildings of special architectural or historic interest, meaning there are restrictions on what can be done to it without special consent.

Concerns for the future of the site were sparked after Tunbridge Wells Borough Council announced that the civic complex, which includes the memorial, was among those earmarked for development.

There is strong opposition against moving the monument, a stone wall with a bronze figure and plaque, in front of the Town Hall – itself a Grade-II listed building.

David Wakefield, chairman of the

Tunbridge Wells branch of the Royal British Legion, said: "It is very good news that the memorial has been listed.

"We think it is the best site in town for the war memorial, nothing better has yet been proposed.

"It is in a large public space for the Remembrance Sunday parade. It is ideal in terms of accessibility and visibility."

The stone wall into which the memorial is built is a remnant of the Calverley Estate designed by the architect Decimus Burton in the early 19th century, which was knocked down to build the Town Hall complex in 1939.

Barry Sillince, a member of the Royal Tunbridge Wells Civic Society, questioned whether the listed status would protect only the monument or its location as well, which he saw as vital.

He said: "The War Memorial is important where it is because when the civic complex was developed it was put there deliberately giving gravitas to the town centre as a public forum.

"I cannot imagine it being relocated somewhere else because it would not

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**PROTECTED:** Special consent would be needed to relocate the Mount Pleasant war memorial in Tunbridge Wells after English Heritage granted it Grade-II listed status

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### EDUCATION

#### Academy gets a make-over

SKINNERS' Academy has unveiled futuristic designs for its new look after signing the contract to ensure work can get under way on its ambitious plans. It will be one of the last schools to benefit from Government cash and will build on improvements already seen in the classroom. **PAGE 5**

### POLITICS

#### Atwood's plan for cinema

IN the concluding part of an in-depth interview with council leader Bob Atwood, marking his first six months in office, the Conservative leader reveals there are 'well developed' plans for the old cinema site, should the council be forced to take over the site if no buyer is found. **PAGE 10**

### ENVIRONMENT

#### Judges visit for In Bloom

FLORAL displays across the town centre came under the spotlight from judges for the South East in Bloom competition last week. A number of initiatives to involve the community have taken place since Royal Tunbridge Wells in Bloom was revived last year, to improve the town. **PAGE 7**



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**BADGER CULL**

# Farmers' joy and animal rights group rage greets badger cull

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ANIMAL rights campaigners have slammed plans to cull badgers – saying it could actually increase the spread of TB in cattle.

Tonbridge-based campaign group Animal Aid said killing the animals through so-called 'controlled shooting' was not supported by sound science.

But farmers have argued badger culls are needed to control bovine tuberculosis.

On Tuesday Environment Secretary Caroline Spelman announced measures aimed at tackling the disease.

These included plans for a pilot badger cull starting next spring in the South West, which could then become widespread across the country and rural west Kent.

It would see marksmen shooting badgers roaming at night.

An Animal Aid spokesperson said: "The Government plans to license farmers to shoot badgers at night as they run free. Vaccination has been ruled out as being too expensive."

"The effectiveness of 'controlled shooting', as it is known, has never been evaluated and could even increase the incidence of TB, as infected badgers fleeing from the shooting could take the disease with them."



**CULL:** Badgers could be shot at night by marksmen to stop the spread of bovine TBw

"In defence of fox hunting, many Tory MPs argued hunting foxes was humane while shooting them as they ran for their lives was cruel. But in order to suit its own agenda, the Government has now argued the exact opposite in relation to badgers.

"Culling badgers is a Conservative flagship policy and its announcement comes as no surprise, even though the public overwhelmingly opposes a cull and it is not supported by sound science. While the Labour Welsh government has recently rejected a badger cull on scientific grounds, the English government remains committed to appeasing farmers, no matter the cost."

The group said improving conditions for dairy cows would reduce bovine TB.

But the National Farmers' Union (NFU) welcomed the Government's "leadership". Peter Kendall, the union's president, said: "I join with farmers up and down the country in breathing an enormous sigh of relief the Government has shown leadership in tackling this terrible disease."

"Sometimes we have to do what is unpopular because we know it is right. Not taking action is no longer an option and the Government has recognised that. As the most recent science shows, badger controls are absolutely necessary, together with cattle controls, to get on top of this devastating disease."

"The farming industry is ready and able to work responsibly with the Government.

"We take the challenges of a badger cull extremely seriously and we recognise that any work needs to be monitored closely. We will fully cooperate with that monitoring work. This is not going to be a quick fix and we're prepared for that."

"We understand there will be some people who are unhappy at the decision and we take those views seriously. But we believe no-one wants to have a situation where we have long-term infection and diseased animals in our countryside and on our farms."

**WAR MEMORIAL**

## Location is a 'fitting setting' for memorial

**Continued from front**

command the respect and dignity of its current site."

English Heritage also noted its location, stating: "Although the memorial pre-dates the civic complex, these listed buildings provide a handsome and fitting setting for the memorial."

Meanwhile, Mr Sillince said recent conflicts made the monument an important symbol of the sacrifice made by our soldiers for a younger generation, too.

"We tend to think of it representing the First and Second World Wars but now it is also dramatically because of Iraq and Afghanistan."

"In the last remembrance parade there were children coming up with their parents and laying wreaths. To take it away from that location would almost be an insult. It is not just the history."

Leader of the council Bob Atwood said he was "delighted" the memorial had been awarded listed status.

Plans to redevelop the civic site are on hold following public outcry after they emerged last year and cost the previous leader of the council his post.

The intentions of the current administration remain largely unknown.

A full council meeting was set to be held on Wednesday night to discuss the findings of the public consultation on the future of the civic complex.

"From a Tunbridge Wells point of view it is a critical moment," Mr Sillince said before the meeting.

The First World War memorial by Stanley Nicholson Babb (1874-1957) was unveiled in February, 1923, by Colonel Viscount Hardinge. The plaques were added to remember World War Two.

**POLICE**

## New police chief takes over west Kent divisions



**CHANGES:** Chief Supt Matthew Nix has been placed in charge of running policing for west Kent

forward to. Tackling crime and making the west division an even safer place to live, work and visit are priorities which are high on my agenda.

"I am committed to delivering the highest possible standards of service, while pursuing those that commit crime and anti-social behaviour."

Ch Supt Nix replaces Ch Supt John Molloy to bring in the changes. He has been working as area commander for Mid Kent for the past 20 months.

He said he was a keen advocate of partnership working, saying: "My previous role was as head of partnerships and communities at force headquarters, Maidstone, which included all partnership activity, from working with local councils and neighbourhood policing to preventing violent extremism."

"I am acutely aware of the benefits of working closely with councils, voluntary groups and others engaged in community safety partnerships."

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## ROAD SAFETY

# Kent Greens pledge to fight for 20mph zones

**By Jenna Pudelek**

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ROAD safety campaigners have pledged to fight on for 20mph zones in residential areas across the county – adding fuel to calls for Tunbridge Wells streets to have speed limits lowered.

The Kent Green Party has written to the highways authority, Kent County Council, urging it to adopt the lower speed limit.

It comes after a three-year campaign garnering support in town centres across the county found that more than 90 per cent of people supported the change.

Steve Dawe, the party's spokesman who lives Tonbridge, said: "We want to see KCC prevent accidents, injuries and deaths instead of waiting to have policy dictated by the number of people injured, maimed or killed."

"Given the low cost of this initiative and the fact that motorists themselves are to a high degree self-policing in existing 30mph areas which often lack signage, we see no reason to obstruct a general extension of 20mph zones."

KCC has said in the past that it is against county-wide 20mph zones. But County Hall refused to comment again this week on its current position.

Kent Green Party chair Dr Hazel Dawe said: We have now written to the county council, the Medway unitary authority and all other local authorities in Kent to ask them to adopt 20mph limits in residential areas.

A survey of the introduction of 20mph zones across the UK and in oth-

er European countries found that child road accidents declined by 67 per cent, cyclist accidents by 29 per cent, and traffic flow by 27 per cent.

The leading cause of death to children over the age of five is road crashes. A child pedestrian is three times more likely to die on our roads than in Italy and twice as likely as in France.

"The number of cyclists killed has risen by 30 per cent since 2003.

"We will continue to campaign for 20mph limits in residential areas until the local authorities in Kent and Medway all adopt this approach."

Mr Dawe said the party would be petitioning for 20mph zones in Sevenoaks on August 20, adding: "This is going to continue until we get a result."

KCC's website states: "We put 20mph zones in areas where there is a history of crashes involving child pedestrians or cyclists."

This newspaper asked KCC how many crashes involving children and/or cyclists had to happen before 20mph zones were adopted. But the authority refused to respond.

In Tunbridge Wells, 20mph zones also have the support of the borough council's portfolio holder for transport, Cllr Brian Ransley.

He said the new Tunbridge Wells Transport Forum, which holds its first meeting in September, would provide an opportunity for councillors and residents to bring forward suggestions such as lower speed limits.

**■ What do you think of the proposals? Should we drop speed limits? Email us at [westkent@archant.co.uk](mailto:westkent@archant.co.uk).**



**ON THE LIMIT:** Campaigners are calling for 20mph zones in residential areas after Kent Green Party urged Kent County Council to adopt the lower speed limit

## HORTICULTURE

## Gardening tips from the Don on his Hadlow visit

GARDENERS' World presenter Monty Don will be discussing the green-fingered talents of horticulturists around the world and through history when he presents a special lecture at Hadlow College in December.

Mr Don, who recently presented BBC Two's Monty Don's Italian Gardens, will be at the college on December 6.

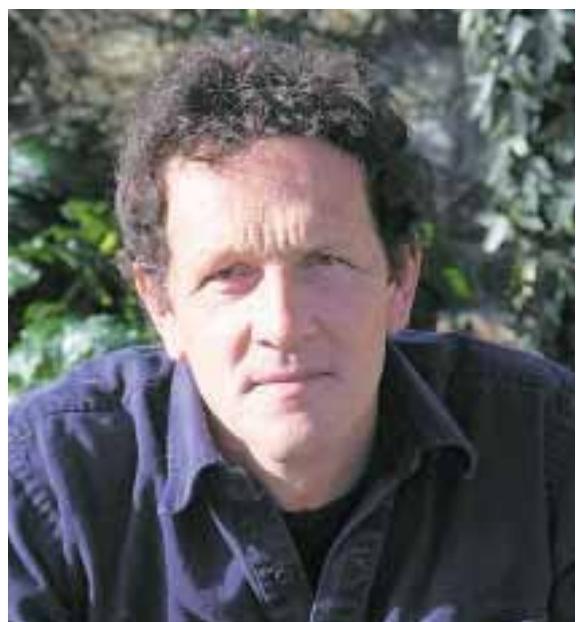
The lecture is due to start at 7.30pm and the star will be staging a special book signing session at the Broadview Garden Centre from 6.30pm.

Previous TV shows include Around the World in 80 Gardens, on which Mr Don said: "If I have learned only one thing from my travels around the world it is that no garden is an island."

"Context is everything."

Tickets for the event are available now and cost £25. The price includes tea or coffee and mince pies.

To book, call into the garden centre or contact 01732 853211 for more details.



**FULL MONTY:** Gardening expert Monty Don is giving a lecture at college

**NEWS IN BRIEF**

### Join the big clean-up

A COMMUNITY clean-up event is being held in Rusthall followed by a free BBQ.

Residents should report to Southwood Road allotments on Saturday, July 30, for 10am for the event, which finishes at 2pm.

A special collection of household waste, such as tyres and electronic equipment, has also been arranged so people can clear their houses and gardens responsibly.

The Tunbridge Wells Community Safety Partnership is organising the event. For more information contact Marion Wilson, community safety officer on 01892 554043, or email [communitysafety@tunbridgewells.gov.uk](mailto:communitysafety@tunbridgewells.gov.uk).

### Town pick for IT firm

THE Pantiles in Tunbridge Wells has been chosen as the UK headquarters of a leading IT and business consultancy.

America-based PRG Group said the spa town was chosen as a base for its European expansion because the area is full of "excellent" professionals and business advisors.

Luciana Cousin, managing director of PRG Global Services UK, said: "I'm very pleased to be based in the Tunbridge Wells area and have been very impressed with the local support we have received."

### See regeneration plans

PLANS for a £34 million transformation of a run-down area in Sherwood are set to go on display.

Town and Country Housing Group said draft proposals showed how the ageing blocks of flats off Greggs Wood Road would be replaced with a wide range of new homes, green spaces and an 'extra care' residential home for the elderly.

Residents are invited to come and view them at the TN2 community centre on Saturday, July 30.

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POLICE are investigating a report of an assault in Westerham last weekend.

A 29-year-old man is said to have been assaulted at some point between 11.30pm on Saturday and 2.30am the following day in the car park of Black Eagle Close.

Anyone who may have seen the alleged assault, or who was in the area at the time, can call police 01732 379227 or contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

**→ Pinetum's helping hand**

BEDGEBURY Pinetum has recruited a new membership and volunteer co-ordinator.

One of the first tasks for Jo Pappenheim, a mother-of-two from Tenterden, will be to launch the Forestry Commission Discovery Card – a discount card giving members of the Friends of Bedgebury discounts on products and services.

Mrs Pappenheim said: "It was love at first sight when I came to Bedgebury. Now I can hopefully pass on my enthusiasm to lots of other people."

**→ TV switchover warning**

DIGITAL switchover campaigns are set to be rolled out across Tunbridge Wells this month to ensure everyone is aware of the changes to the way we receive TV broadcasts.

From May 30 2012, the analogue signal will be switched off, meaning everyone will need a digital set-top box to receive the free-to-air channels. It is estimated around one in five TVs in the borough – 19,000 sets – only receive analogue channels.

**MIDDLE EAST****Israeli settlers throw rock at human rights observer****Jenna Pudelek**[jenna.pudelek@archant.co.uk](mailto:jenna.pudelek@archant.co.uk)

A HUMAN rights campaigner from Tunbridge Wells has been attacked by Israeli settlers while working with Palestinian communities in the West Bank.

Jane Backhurst travelled to the south Hebron hills with a Christian organisation which campaigns for a peaceful resolution to the Israeli/Palestinian conflict, to monitor settler violence in the area.

Working with a team of human rights monitors for the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI), she is based in the southern town of Yatta.

While being shown around the area on her second day, local farmers called to say that Israeli settlers were attacking a village called Susiya.

She said: "When we arrived at the scene we found a group of 12 men from a nearby settlement shouting at

local Palestinians. The EAPPI team filmed and took photos as evidence while settlers threw rocks at the locals. Several Palestinians including an elderly woman and a four-year-old boy were injured."

One settler threw a rock at Ms Backhurst's head, which left her with an injured arm as she raised it to protect herself.

Pauline Nunu, EAPPI's local director, said: "The south Hebron hills area sees more violence by settlers than any other part of the West Bank, and the local communities there have often requested our presence."

"We fear that there may be a rise in both settler attacks and house demolitions following September's UN vote [on recognising a Palestinian state], heightening the need for an international presence."

Ms Nunu added: "EAPPI already has a strong connection to these communities and they always tell us

that they feel safer when the foreigners are around, so on their request, we decided to set up a full time placement in Yatta."

Last week, Val Kitchen, from Tonbridge, returned to the UK after a traumatic attempt to visit Bethlehem to show support for Palestinians in the West Bank.

The 68-year-old was detained by Israeli officials after landing in Tel Aviv's Ben Gurin airport.

Her group, which included more than 120 campaigners, were detained after telling officials they were on route to Bethlehem.

Meanwhile, Ms Blackhurst will remain based in Yatta and will experience what it is like to live in the West Bank.

EAPPI is a programme run by the World Council of Churches. The organisation works for an end to the occupation, respect for international law, and the implementation of UN resolutions.



WEST BANK: Tensions run high

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## EDUCATION

# Building work is ready to begin on new state-of-the-art facilities for academy

**By Jenna Pudelek**

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WITH a design inspired by New York's Guggenheim Museum, work is due to begin on a state-of-the-art building to transform a Tunbridge Wells school.

The Skinners' Kent Academy's £20 million rebuild will begin this month and is due to open in early 2013 featuring the latest computer technology and facilities for its engineering and science specialties.

Principal Sian Carr said: "This is a brand new future for the academy."

It comes after the Government's spending cuts placed plans for all new school buildings in Kent under threat and saw many frozen.

But the Blackhurst Lane academy escaped the cull and was given the go-ahead by Education Secretary Michael Gove in August last year.

At the time, Mrs Carr told this



**21ST CENTURY SCHOOL:** The academy design is inspired by the Guggenheim Museum in New York

newspaper it would have been "hard for the school to survive" without the new building.

Now, the work has been given the green light after a deal was signed by Willmott Dixon Construction, Kent County Council

and the academy last Friday.

This week, Mrs Carr gave a more measured response when asked why the new building is so important. She said: "The academy transformation is already well under way. Exam results

are up and a recent Ofsted report noted most our students are making good progress and an increasing number are making outstanding progress.

"We have a fantastic team of teachers and strong team of gov-

ernors and friends, not to mention fantastic support from our sponsor school, Skinners. The new facilities will help us to build on these successes and enable us to deliver the very best education for our students."

**“The Skinners’ Kent Academy is founded on the principles of high standards, high aspirations, and active participation”**

**SIAN CARR, ACADEMY PRINCIPAL**

Other schools in Kent have failed to get funding for new builds. In Sevenoaks, the Knole Academy, which had been planning £20m facilities, was given the green light in December for a capital grant of £17.3m. KCC said a feasibility study was being carried out on Knole's plans, which opened last September on the sites of the Bradbourne and Wildernes schools.

Mrs Carr added: "The academy is founded on the principles of high standards and high aspirations, active participation and delivers an emotionally rich and inclusive environment."

The plans include a lecture theatre, outdoor learning environments with performance spaces, and sports facilities set in 29 acres of grounds. Residents will be able to use the facilities for learning, social events, celebrations, sports and meetings.

Skinners' Academy replaced Tunbridge Wells High School in September 2009.



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## News

CELEBRITY

# TV chef dropping in for his own pint

By Chris Britcher

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CELEBRITY chef Marco Pierre White will be spending the evening at a pub in Chiddingstone next week to launch his own ale and support the charity Help for Heroes.

The Hell's Kitchen star will be appearing at the Castle Inn on Wednesday – arriving at noon and staying on to the evening to sign copies of his book and help raise money for the Armed Forces charity.

He has been invited to attend by friend John McManus, the chef director at the inn.

Mr McManus said: "Marco and I have been good friends for 30 years and a really exciting opportunity has arisen for us to help each other.

"It's great that Marco has brought out his own beer and that I can bring it to the Castle

Inn, as a guest beer."

The beer, called The Governor after a greyhound owned by the star's father, will be available as will copies of his new book, Marco Made Easy.

Mr Pierre White said of the beer: "The motive for launching this is purely romantic - every bloke wants to own his own pint.

"I also like flavour, that's why I am not a lager drinker.

"A pint works much better with British food than wine.

"Throughout history British food has traditionally been eaten alongside beer, not wine."

Mr Pierre-White was the youngest chef to have ever been awarded three Michelin stars and trained alongside the likes of Gordon Ramsay.

He retired from the kitchen in 1999 and has since become a restaurateur, opening a string of eateries.



COOKING: Marco Pierre White

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## IN BLOOM

# Judges come to town to pass their verdict on floral displays

By Jenna Pudelek

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JUDGES from the regional Britain in Bloom awards have visited to assess Tunbridge Wells' efforts.

Members of the local bloom committee hoped they were able to wow with the bright floral displays, which have revitalised the town centre.

The judges, Linda Jones and Ken Fairview, from South East in Bloom were given a tour of the town and told how the committee has engaged the community and businesses in the competition.

Katharina Mahler-Bech, a member of the Royal Tunbridge Wells in Bloom committee, said: "During Friday's judging day in full sunshine and under a blue sky the town was looking its best."

"All those involved hope that we convinced the judges that residents and businesses together with the council have created a glorious floral display in the streets and parks of Royal Tunbridge Wells."

The bloom campaign was brought back to Tunbridge Wells



**BLOOM TOWN:** Some of the floral displays in this year's South East in Bloom competition in Tunbridge Wells

in 2010 after an eight year hiatus. The aim was to revitalise the town centre and involve communities and schools around the town.

As part of the competition, the judges look for horticultural achievement, community engagement and environmental sustainability.

The Tunbridge Wells committee has secured funding from the bor-

ough and county council as well as sponsorship from local businesses to fund their activities.

So far, they have more than doubled the floral displays in the town centre using more sustainable containers and volunteers to plan and sponsor the high-profile planters.

At this year's launch in June, which was supported by the town's MP Greg Clark, eight community

groups unveiled plants in the town centre sponsoring them for £50. These included the Pickering Cancer Drop-in Centre, the Royal Tunbridge Wells Civic Society, Tunbridge Wells Headway and the Rotary Club of the Pantiles, which sponsored two tubs.

Last year, a gardening competition was held with 58 entrants as well as 17 schools.

## SEA CADETS

## Sea cadets ready for Menin Gate trip

THE Tunbridge Wells Sea Cadets are getting ready for a sombre trip to the World War One battlefields in Belgium.

Known as TS Brilliant, the cadets will be travelling to the Menin Gate in Ypres to take part in the evening Last Post ceremony. They depart for the trip next Friday, July 29.

The Last Post has been held every night since 1928 and the opening of the Menin Gate Memorial – set up by the citizens of Ypres who wanted to express their gratitude towards those who gave their lives for Belgium's freedom.

At 8pm local time six members of the regular buglers from the local volunteer fire brigade step into the roadway under the arch. They play the Last Post, followed by a short silence. On Friday, buglers from the TS Brilliant band will play Reveille.

A cadets spokesman said: "This is a great honour for our cadets as it is the first time that members of the Sea Cadet Corps have taken an active part in this parade."

"After the parade, three wreaths will be laid at the memorial by cadets, uniform staff and by the unit management committee."

Following the parade, the cadets will return to the UK, stopping at the Tyne Cot Cemetery in Ypres to attend a service. Each cadet will also place a cross at the cemetery.

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CINEMA

# Author's take on Horrible Bosses movie

**By Chris Britcher**

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WHEN movie goers head to theatres this month to watch new Hollywood blockbuster *Horrible Bosses*, for one woman the tale of demanding, unreasonable management is only too familiar.

In the movie, A-listers such as Jennifer Aniston, Kevin Spacey, Jamie Foxx and Jason Bateman star in a story which sees bullying bosses get their ultimate comeuppance.

But Jill Walker from Crowborough is only too aware of just how the fiction of the screen plays out in the reality of people's lives.

Two years ago she published the book *Is Your Boss Mad?* – a self-help guide for employees on how to handle troublesome management.

Since publishing it in the UK, it has spread around the world, being translated into various different languages and hitting a cord with those who find themselves under pressure and stress in the workplace.

And the 48-year-old explains that it springs from bitter personal experience.

She said: "I was working for a very aggressive sales organisation and it took things to a whole new level with my bosses. I was hitting all the targets they had set me and more, but my boss was still demanding I do better, slamming his hands on the desk and insisting I could do more."

"So I decided to resign. I handed the letter over and my MD just burst into tears. I then realised I was doing a good job but they push and push and push you to do more."

"He had no idea of the effect his behaviour had."

"Writing the book was a cathartic experience. I used to say to people that I couldn't afford therapy so I'll just write it all down. And I've never looked back. I'll never get into that situation again."

"When I was writing it down it gave me a sudden clarity about the workplace. But if I can help one person avoid what I went through then I'll be delighted."

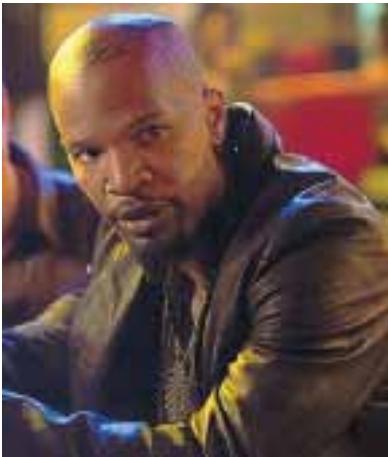
"I put my email address in the book and I've had messages from people from around the world. The book has been published in about seven or eight different languages and people have given feedback, so it's been great to give people some advice here and there."

It has proved such a success, she is now working on a follow-up.

And she says some of the stories she has received have been real eye-openers.

"I've had some shocking stories," she explained. "A boss who slapped them round the face. One hoisted someone onto a forklift truck. Everyone had some sort of experience. No one said everyone they'd worked for was marvellous."

The movie, *Horrible Bosses*, goes on general



**BAD MANAGEMENT:** Jamie Foxx (above right) and Jennifer Aniston (right) star in movie about bullying bosses who get what's coming to them

release this Friday, and Ms Walker is hoping it will fuel her sales.

"I saw a preview of the film and it's great. You can safely live out your fantasies of what you'd like to do to your boss."

"I know the person who wrote it had some bad experiences and some of the characters are, purely coincidental, just like some of those real life people in my book."

"You have to remember we probably spend more time at work than we do with our family. So behaviour in the workplace can have a huge impact on us. We need to always get a sense of

perspective though, and try and understand why bosses act the way they do."

Ms Walker now works for a major software firm promoting and marketing to big firms the benefits of customer – and employee – feedback.

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# New chief executive takes over at mental health trust

**By Jenna Pudelek**

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IMPROVING patient experience has been listed as a top priority for the new head of the county's mental health trust.

Bob Deans, who has previously worked as a director of West Kent Primary Care Trust (PCT), has replaced Erville Millar as chief executive of Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust.

He said: "I really enjoyed my first week with the trust and I am positive about the year ahead. I have already started to work with my executive team to look at how we better spread solutions, good practice and learning and I want to support the creation of a culture where teams and staff are empowered to take a lead in solving their own problems, in enterprise and in innovation."

"I am determined to deliver good quality services, based on clear plans, and this will in turn lead the trust to become a foundation trust."



**SUCCESSOR:** Bob Deans takes over from Erville Millar

His predecessor Mr Millar retired in June and Mr Deans will be interim head of the trust for a year when a permanent chief executive will be hired.

Mr Deans' last role was chief executive of Southampton City PCT. He said his other top priority was to improve staff engagement. The trust must also complete its foundation status application by October 2012. Foundation trusts have more autonomy.

from the Department of Health and the Government wants all hospitals to achieve the status by 2013.

The trust's chairman, Peter Smallridge, is also due to retire this year after 50 years in the public sector.

He added: "I want to thank the trust's staff for their commitment and enthusiasm during my time as chairman, they have a lot to be proud of and I wish everyone the very best for the future."

"I will remain in post for the next few weeks as the search for my successor gets under way. I am really pleased that I have been able to recruit Bob in recent weeks and I wish him every success in leading the trust over the coming year."

Mr Smallridge has led the trust since it was created in 2006 and was previously chairman of Ashford PCT and West Kent Health Authority. He trained and worked as a social worker and is a former director of Kent County Council's social services.

**COUNCIL**

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at the council's offices from July 25 to August 19, during normal office hours.

Brian Ramsay, cabinet member with responsibility for finance, said: "We are committed to being open and transparent about where we spend tax payers' money."

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INTERVIEW

# 'We have well developed plans

In the concluding part of an interview with council leader Bob Atwood, **Chris Britcher** asks what the future might hold for Tunbridge Wells



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PEOPLE, the old saying goes, don't like change. And perhaps never more has that been at the centre of debate and discussion than in Tunbridge Wells over recent months.

The status quo holds a fascinating, and quite frequently misplaced, grasp on the public's psyche. We cling to what we know and dread what might be.

Acutely aware of that is Bob Atwood, the man parachuted into the eye of a hurricane which had wreaked havoc on the previous administration, and left the council staring into the brief blue sky and pondering just where it had gone wrong for such a storm to engulf them.

The regeneration programme had, up until that point, been a masterclass in bodge public relations: clear arguments (such as the civic centre indeed costing the taxpayer far more than necessary on account of its age and repair, and the town needing to move with the times) had been lost amid a flurry of comments and opinions which appeared to suggest a fait accompli.

With public confidence seeping out of the drafty Town Hall faster than the

**RIDING THE STORM:** Cllr Bob Atwood is under no illusions about how tough the future will be as he looks to leave his mark on Town Hall



good reputations of a number of senior elected and non-elected officials, the argument for change – potentially essential change – was all but lost.

Six months into his role as leader of the council, and local Conservative group, and Cllr Atwood remains in the centre of that storm. His hope is that by thinking long and hard about where to go next, he will somehow plot a path through the difficult times ahead, and that the winds may not be quite so ferocious.

But as he braces himself, he does so with some baggage on his back. Previous leader Roy Bullock, long after fire-

fighting became the norm, once issued a list of guarantees to residents – vows of theatre provision and museum and gallery space – in a bid to ease mounting panic.

"I hate to be trapped into a list of promises someone else has made," his successor, Cllr Atwood, explains from his no-frills office within the civic complex at the very heart of the debate. "But there are some very sensible principles in those promises. There is no way we could pull down the Assembly Hall without making sure there was alternative provision, for example."

"By the time we get to the point of

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**LEGACY:** Regeneration of the old cinema and connecting the two ends of the town from Royal Victoria Place (right) to the Pantiles are high on Cllr Atwood's agenda

physically changing the civic centre, if indeed we do, we will be faced with a different set of circumstances – for example what might or might not happen to the cinema site or elsewhere in the town."

Core to many's concern has been the direction the town intends to take. Does it want to become a shopper's paradise, or does it want to build on its enviable reputation for the arts? And if both, just how can that be achieved?

"In the past," reflects Cllr Atwood, "the focus has been on retail and talk of getting an anchor store and that sort of thing. In actual fact it's difficult to consider retail as the most important aspect in such a volatile market. We've actually got retailers telling us that footfall is definitely tailing off; takings are reducing and there is worse to come."

"My personal view is that Tunbridge Wells has to be seen to offer a very strong cultural offering – that it looks like Tunbridge Wells and not a clone town; that its unique character is maintained. I think that is why people come here. If they find nice shops when they get here, so much the better."

"But they have to be attracted here in the first place and the only way to do that is by making the town look attractive, with the right leisure facilities. That includes nightclubs, pubs, decent restaurants; decent public facilities like parks and nice buildings to look at. That doesn't preclude modern buildings, but they have to complement the old ones and stand out."

Much has been made of the clone town issue. While the centre of the town exudes familiar high street names,

it is only very much a slice of the overall offering. Independent traders may find themselves struggling now, but the smart money is increasingly being laid on them becoming the life blood of future retail offerings; offering a return to traditional values and providing the shopping 'experience' so often lost in a haze of online clicks and page views.

Cllr Atwood is well aware of what they bring to the town.

"They are an essential element and we would hate to do anything that could be shown to be damaging their footfall or turnover," he says.

"But the evidence is not as clear as some traders think. Some say if you put a big anchor store in, their trade would disappear. The evidence is if you get the right stores of the right size, and not too dominant, everyone can benefit."

However, there remains the issue of connecting the two ends of the town – from the Pantiles up to Royal Victoria Place – to allow both to flourish.

Cllr Atwood wants to be creative – and perhaps leave his legacy on the town:

"What I would perhaps like to see is a better passageway from the top to the bottom of the town to make that journey more exciting, a little more pleasant."

"We considered a tram up Mount Pleasant but it was not economically viable, but some sort of colourful transport that was easy to obtain would help. Also a better crossing outside St Charles the Martyr by the Pantiles. There are a number of things we could do."

Then, of course, there is the old chestnut of the cinema site. Long since abandoned, it sticks out like a sore thumb



amid the town's traditional pomp and splendour.

"The fact is there have been a number of false starts with the cinema site. Recently we were informed of a purchaser but it fell through. We have a real concern to get a purchaser in the near future, and for that purchaser to have the intention and wherewithal to develop that site into a mixed use facility."

"It seems we reach this point frequently, only for it to fall through. I reached the stage where I thought enough was enough. With the benefit of hindsight we could have reached this stage before, but we are now seriously considering a compulsory purchase order (CPO) or an appropriate action to make sure something happens to that site."

"But assuming we get it through either a CPO or we buy it outright – as we once attempted to do – then we would be left with a site and we would be expected to take action on. And we do have some well-developed ideas for that site – but I'm not at liberty to divulge that at the moment."

"We would work, initially, as owner – whether it stays like that, in public ownership or goes on to a long lease, we haven't got that far yet in our thinking. But certainly something has to happen with that site. It would be mixed use – that is all I can say."

After pausing to catch his party's collective breath and regroup, Cllr Atwood knows the route out of the storm will not be easy. Change, in some respect, seems inevitable. Another six months on, and we should know just how his exit strategy has fared. Hang on to your hats.

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A TEENAGER has taken a giant leap towards establishing herself as a world class ballet dancer after been awarded a contract with the prestigious Scottish Ballet company.

Nicole Craddock from Sevenoaks is a final year student at the renowned Central School of Ballet (CSB) in London. And now she has learned that after graduating she will join the Scottish Ballet in Glasgow this November.

The former pupil of the Lisa Maybank School of Dance joined CSB when she was 16 and has spent three years on a professional dance and performance course accredited to the University of Kent.

Miss Craddock has been gaining invaluable experience through touring with Ballet Central this spring.

Ballet Central's five month UK wide run visited 20 venues including theatres at Tonbridge School and the Gulbenkian in Canterbury as well as the Lowry in Salford Quays and the Linbury Studio Theatre at the Royal Opera House.

The tour concludes this month at the Unicorn Theatre in London.

Sara Matthews, director of CSB said: "Graduate employment of dance students has been severely affected by the challenging economic climate so we are particularly delighted that so many of our students, like Nicole, have found jobs in the world's top ballet and dance companies.

"This is an excellent opportunity for Nicole, one of our most talented students. We will follow her progress with interest."

Ballet Central is formed from final year students at CSB, offering pre-professional touring. CSB's Ms Matthews added: "We are the only vocational ballet school to offer an honours degree and this level of touring experience.

"Ballet Central continues to be a springboard for hundreds of dancers into the top international dance companies.

"Dancers live to perform so touring is a much anticipated part of our three year curriculum."

**FOOTBALL****Ardiles kicks off trio of soccer sessions**

WORLD Cup winner Ossie Ardiles will be joined by his former Tottenham Hotspur team mate Micky Hazard to help breed the next generation of football stars in Sevenoaks next month.

The Ossie Ardiles' Soccer School will host three courses during August at Greatness Park – and attend to present medals, sign autographs and have photos taken.

The Argentinian will see Mr Hazard, an FA Cup and UEFA Cup winner, conduct the coaching course.

Mr Ardiles said: "Although many things have changed since I played, one thing remains the same: training should be creative, effective, engaging and entertaining but most of all enjoyable. My coaches have won league titles, FA Cups, UEFA Cups and even World Cups. They are all friends of mine and they share my passion for the game. I am honoured to be able to work with them." See [www.ossieardilesoccerschool.com](http://www.ossieardilesoccerschool.com).

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## CHARITY

# Pedal power helps to raise thousands after London to Paris ride

By Jenna Pudelek

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A CYCLIST from Tunbridge Wells has helped raise more than £13,000 for a cancer charity by riding from London to Paris.

Jonathan Gully was joined by four colleagues for the challenge, who along with 90 other cyclists covered 480km through rain and persistent headwinds.

"It was an extremely testing challenge, although very minor compared to the challenge faced by cancer patients every day," said Mr Gully, who works for the London-based financial firm Mitsubishi UFJ Securities International.

"We met some very interesting characters on the trip, many with personal reasons for being there, which puts things in perspective."



**DESTINATION:** Wheeling and dealing after reaching Paris

"We also passed through some beautiful French villages and countryside."

The team raised more than £110,000 for their charity, Macmillan Cancer Support, which provides practical, medical, emotional and financial support for people with the disease and their families.

Mr Gully added: "It is difficult

to say which moment stands out the most for me.

"However, cycling as a group around the Arc de Triomphe and up the Champs Elysees before the first glimpse of the Eiffel Tower will take some beating.

"All in all it was a fantastic event and one I recommend highly to anyone looking for a challenge for a good cause."

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## ART

## Pantiles goes back to nature with art show

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Adele Kirby and Iris Wilcox will show their paintings, etchings and prints at the Royal Tunbridge Wells Art Society from Saturday (July 23) to August 1. The exhibition is open daily from 9.30am to 6pm at 61 The Pantiles.

Mrs Kirby said her work covers a range of subjects in watercolour, acrylic, oils and mixed media and has been largely influenced by her work in wildlife conservation and living in Africa.

## FOOD

## Jam recipe whets the appetite for judges

A JAM recipe has netted a woman from Cranbrook a runners-up spot in a nationwide competition to promote the preserve.

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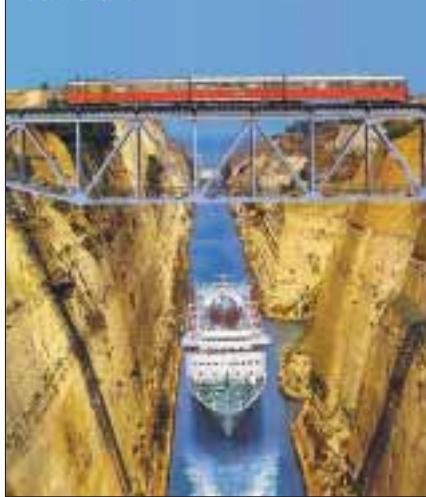
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THE Chapterhouse Theatre Company will venture into the deepest, darkest depths of the enchanted forest this summer as it performs a spell-binding production at the picturesque Leeds Castle.

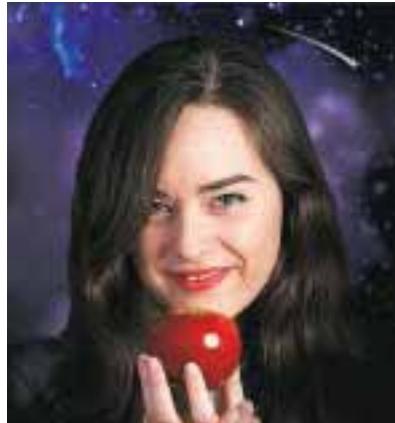
It will be staging family classic Snow White – a heart-warming tale of magic, mayhem and mystery – which will enthrall both children and parents alike.

And you and your family could be there for free, thanks to our great competition.

We have teamed up with the hugely popular theatre company to offer three family tickets to the performances taking place between August 12-14.

Each family ticket prize gives two adults, and two children under the age of 16, access to watch Snow White on the Children's Theatre on the Lawn at the historic venue near Maidstone.

Families can bring a picnic



**FORBIDDEN FRUIT:** Chapterhouse Theatre Company is bringing its stunning production of Snow White to Leeds Castle next month

and enjoy a fairy tale summer evening with ice-cream and drinks available.

Everyone is invited to come along to the production in fancy dress and join in with the

parade during the interval.

To be in with a chance of winning one set of the family tickets for the August 14 show, answer the following question and text in your answer.



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## OPINION

# We'll still be patients' voice

Mike Eddy, lead governor of Kent's health watchdog LINk, looks at what the current proposals for NHS reform will mean for the county

WHEN the Coalition government took power in 2010 it quickly introduced a Health and Social Care Bill aimed at reforming the NHS. The primary objective was to put greater power into the hands of GPs.

The bill came in for a lot of flak, not least from GPs, but also other health professionals who suspected they would be marginalised. Groups representing patients feared funds for re-organisation and the energies of doctors would be diverted from caring for patients.

Earlier this year progress on the bill halted.

The Government set up a 'listening exercise' to consult on proposals and to alter them once they had listened. The listening exercise did produce changes to the plans.

The proposal to relieve the health secretary of his ultimate responsibility for the NHS was dropped. For most this change would seem to be irrelevant to

whether they get see their GP or whether they get their operation. But it is vital to maintaining an NHS where a national politician is held accountable for the NHS.

The reliance on GPs as the only medical professionals to be able to commission services has been reduced. Other professionals – nurses, hospital doctors, dentists, and the local successor to Kent LINk – will now have a say in deciding what services are provided and how. And medical professionals will be able to move at their own pace towards setting up the arrangements rather than working to a timetable imposed by the Department of Health.

While a number of groups of GPs in Kent have been ready to take on the challenge of commissioning, others across the country have been less keen.

Commissioning at the moment is in the hands of managers in the NHS who work in pri-

mary care trusts. Patients are concerned GPs will find their time taken up with administration rather than taking care of the sick or funds will be taken up in the costs of redundancy of PCT staff and of hiring new staff to do administration for the doctors.

While all these major changes are going on, the Local Involvement Networks across the country will also be changing. Perhaps the most noticeable will be a change of name from LINk to HealthWatch.

Currently, Kent LINk provides a voice for patients and for carers and users of health and social services. It can require the county council, through its health overview and scrutiny committee, or even the secretary of state, to undertake investigations of serious breakdowns in the NHS and social care. And Kent LINk has undertaken its own investigations into issues as varied as hygiene, transport to health



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facilities and outpatient clinics.

All this will continue but HealthWatch will also take part in commissioning services as it will have a seat on a proposed health and wellbeing board.

However, HealthWatch may be expected to provide an advocacy service for patients and relatives if things go wrong. This could place a HealthWatch in the difficult position of arguing on behalf of a patient that the services HealthWatch had had a hand in devising were not good enough.

Kent LINk is preparing for the changes to the way in which the NHS operates and at the same time is working hard to make sure its own transition into HealthWatch doesn't deflect it from speaking up for patients and social services users.

To join volunteers who support Kent LINk visit [www.thekentlink.co.uk](http://www.thekentlink.co.uk) or write to Kent LINk, FREEPOST NAT17761, Folkestone, CT19 4BR.

## KOS COMMENT

Skinner's academy revamp to benefit all

STUDENTS and staff at the Skinner's academy were a step closer to seeing a new state-of-the-art building this week.

There is a long way to go before work is complete, but the new facilities will aid the school's aspirations to offer the very best education and learning environment.

Tunbridge Wells is lucky that the ambitious proposals have survived the Government's spending cuts and the whole community is set to benefit.

## Community backs town's Bloom bid

IT IS great to see the town awash with colourful flowers thanks to the good efforts of the Tunbridge Wells in Bloom team.

Many local groups and businesses have supported the campaign, which made a welcome return last year.

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**Traffic plan is destined to fail**

THERE is little point in Greg Clark meeting local councillors and representatives of Kent Highways to try and resolve the grid-locked traffic problems of Tunbridge Wells; these are the self-same people who got us where we are in the first place, so what do they know?

Mr Clark states that "the problems of North Farm are never going to be resolved with a quick fix solution". Of course not. The miseries have been racked up gradually and incrementally, piece by piece over a number of years culminating in the disastrous Fountains Park, as though no-one could see this coming.

As for spending more money on further investigation, this is simply throwing good money at the bad. If they must consult and take advice, they should start by asking the very people who suffer the daily grind of simply trying to get from one end of the estate to the other.

The simplest possible solution may well cost no money at all; disable the traffic lights

at the interchange by Coopers BMW garage, and those further up at Kingstanding Way. Practical examples exist that show traffic proceeding under its own management, rather than being managed by lights, flows swifter and more evenly without safety being compromised.

This has been demonstrated in recent years, too, when the traffic lights at the Prospect Road/Royal Oak interchange failed. This is a notorious traffic hold-up, yet even at the peak commuter hours of 4-6pm there was no hold up when they failed. The same was true of the Mount Pleasant Church Road set when they failed.

Like Nero, they will continue to 'fiddle' while the rest of us must grin and bear it.

They will, though, spend more money on pedestrian access and cycle lanes; just how many people does anyone see either walking and cycling in the North Farm?

But these actions tick the right boxes and it is certainly 'right-on' politically. Historically, this will be seen as yet another failed attempt at social engineering.

**Edward Baker, Tunbridge Wells**

**One exit is not the answer**

I read with amusement the article on North Farm congestion and the planned meetings to fix the issue short and long term.

Perhaps the council should look to the architects who design these retail parks in the first place to see whether they have made proper provision for increased traffic flow.

The latest development at Fountain Retail Park only has one entrance and exit!

I'm not a road planner or designer, but I'm sure general common sense would have suggested two or even three entrances and exits.

The council seems keen to approve these developments without thinking issues through and subsequently has to have no doubt costly meetings to try and resolve them.

Adrian Ridgers, by email

**One way for a cheap solution**

I read the article concerning the problems with traffic con-

gestion at North Farm Industrial Estate. I believe that the problems that exist there are because of the traffic lights, which allow the traffic to turn right and cause traffic to build up.

If the council made the traffic to travel in one direction only, the traffic lights could be used only for pedestrians.

The traffic could leave the A21 via the roundabout down Longfield Road across the roundabout to Lamberts Road, round to Dowding Way, back along Longfield Road, then back up to the A21.

This would allow traffic to join this one way system at any point along the route, it would mean having to travel around the whole of the system in some cases but would allow a flow of traffic which is not happening at the moment.

This is a cheap option and a quick fix.

**Cliff Tucker, by email**

**Music teacher remembered**

WHEN the Sevenoaks Summer Festival started in the 1970s, we were led to understand

that it had absorbed the longer-running Sevenoaks Three Arts Festival but, if that was the case, it seems that the two organisations may have parted company. I wonder if perhaps anyone knows the background to this?

I recently glanced through the results list for this year's Sevenoaks Three Arts Festival and noticed that there is an annual award known as the Rupert Sutton Cup.

That name certainly rings a bell with me as I attended The Judd School from 1959 to 1966. Rupert Sutton was the long-serving music teacher (who also taught history).

He retired in 1967 (a year after I left the school) and I understand he had taught there since around 1930.

He did not have a long retirement as he died in the early part of 1968.

He was well-known as an atheist and yet he had composed a setting to The Lord's Prayer, which was regularly used in assembly at the school.

However, I simply do not understand why on earth an atheist should want to set The Lord's Prayer to music.

This setting was, not sur-

prisingly for the work of an atheist, somehow not conducive to worship; I suspect the school probably quietly dropped it after he retired.

For all that, Mr Sutton was a kindly man and a particularly fond memory is of him marking a sixth-form history essay (in which I had not completely understood the point about new music being needed in the 16th century as a result of church services being in English instead of Latin); he helpfully commented that English, like German, is metrical while Latin and French are syllabic.

It was interesting to see Rupert Sutton's name being mentioned in connection with a Sevenoaks institution as he lived in Hildenborough (when he occasionally used the bus, he got off at The Flying Dutchman) and was known to be heavily involved in the cultural life of Tonbridge.

Evidently he was well-known in Sevenoaks too.

**John Humphrey, Sevenoaks**

**Youth cuts are not justified**

YOUNG people are being hit hard by the recession, suffering the highest levels of unemployment, ridiculous rises in student fees, and now they are seeing the youth service slashed and burned.

Youth services are vital to the well-being of our communities, for providing guidance to young people and for giving them wider support.

There are also 64 families losing income who are facing misery and hardship due to the ideological idiocy of the Conservative and Lib Dem cuts to public sector funding.

We believe this madness needs to be fought and this is why we are asking the public to sign up to our petition.

The country is not broke. National debt was proportionally higher for most of the last century and at its highest point the country even managed to start the NHS.

The country's debt is proportionately lower than France and Canada and about the same as Germany, yet they are not getting hysterical about public spending.

The Tory and Lib Dems claim that cuts are necessary is simply not true.

**Stuart Jeffery, Chair of Kent Green Party**

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## Can my wife cash in £402 pension pot?

**Q** My wife has a small pension fund with Windsor Life, worth just £402. Now that she is 60, she would like to take this. Windsor Life has offered a quarter of the fund as a lump sum, plus a yearly pension of £1, which seems very mean. The Revenue advice line says she should be able to take the total sum in cash as it is less than £18,000. But Windsor Life says this is not correct as my wife is already drawing another pension and the total value of the two combined is more than £18,000.

**A** Because the Government wants us all to save for our old age, it gives tax relief on contributions to pension plans and company pension schemes.

But the other side of the coin is that it makes it hard to take money out, except as a pension.

There are two concessions in the rules, though. The first is that we are allowed to take a quarter of our pension pot as a tax-free lump sum.

And the second relaxed rule allows anyone whose total pension savings come to less than £18,000 to take the lot in cash instead of as a pension.

This is called the "trivial commutation" rule.

Now for the tricky bit. You have told me that according to Windsor Life, your wife's existing pension accounts for 1.85pc of her "lifetime allowance" – that is, the maximum £1.8m that the government lets anyone put into a pension plan.

By my arithmetic, this means that the pension pot for the existing pension was £33,300.

This puts her total pension savings at £33,702, which is nearly double the £18,000 limit for what the government would regard as trivial.

In theory, your wife should have merged her two pension pots years ago. Instead, she is now stuck with one that is worth so little that it cannot buy a worthwhile pension, nor can it be taken as cash.

And yes, Windsor Life's offer of £1 a year in pension, in exchange for a pension pot of about £300 after your wife takes a quarter in cash, is very, very mean.

It would take her 300 years just to get her own money back!

The government is reviewing these rules at the moment, but I am not optimistic that there will be any major change. It looks as though your wife has – as close as makes no difference – lost £300.

**Q** I HAVE read that compensation is available for people in pension schemes run by Equitable Life. Can you shed any light on this? I was with Equitable Life for 20 years and have a much-reduced pension.

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**A** THE Government finally picked up the bill following the near collapse of Equitable Life in 2000. Compensation cheques started to be issued by the Treasury on June 30. The worst-hit 37,000 investors had with-profits policies that were turned into annuities – pensions for life.

They will share £620 million in annual payments for as long as they live. Another 945,000 savers share £775m in one-off payments.

But not every policyholder will benefit. More than 400,000 lost nothing, the Treasury says. And officials add that there is no need to claim.

The company's records are intact, so if you are due a payment it will arrive automatically.

**Q** My wife bought a return air ticket to Moscow via Amsterdam from KLM. She had to change her plans and could not fly out on KLM, but when she tried to use her return ticket, she was told it was not valid. Is KLM allowed to declare her return ticket useless, just because she did not use the outward portion?

**A** It is hard to imagine an airline rule that says that if unforeseen circumstances mean you cannot use the outward ticket, then the return half ceases to be valid. Contact the consumer complaints department of the Civil Aviation Authority (020 7240 6061).

**Q** We had £55,168 in a Plus Saver account with Alliance & Leicester, now part of Santander. From October, 2009, to April, 2010, this earned just £27 interest. Is this correct?

**A** Sad, but true. The Plus Saver account may have offered a good deal when you opened it, but the interest rate slid to just one 10th of 1pc! Banks often advertise good rates to attract business, but later cut the yield sharply, knowing that lots of customers do not check to see that the interest is still decent.

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## Deadline looms for tax credit renewals

**By Ed Foss**

MyMoney 24 writer

PEOPLE who receive tax credits have just a few days left to renew their claims.

The July 31 deadline is rapidly approaching, and HM Revenue & Customs has warned claimants that anyone not renewing by then will see their payments stopped.

Chas Roy-Chowdhury, head of taxation at the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, said: "Normally, renewing your tax credits is a simple case of updating HMRC about changes in your circumstances.

"But because of the changes announced by the Government since the last election, the benefits you

are entitled to may have changed."

He added: "The rate at which payments decrease above a certain income threshold has been speeded up, especially for higher earners. The reduction is now 41p – up from 39p – for every £1 above the threshold.

"At the same time, some thresholds have been lowered. The household income threshold has dropped from £50,000 to £40,000."

Some benefits have been increased. For example, the child element of tax credits is going up this year above inflation, which will help make up for the freeze in child benefit that will affect those on low incomes, Mr Roy-Chowdhury said.

There are about 166,400 tax credit claimants in Kent, 85,000 in Norfolk, nearly 70,000 in Suffolk and

about 75,000 in Cambridgeshire. Meanwhile, HMRC has issued a new warning about fake emails being sent out by fraudsters in the run-up to the tax credits deadline.

These emails purport to inform recipients about tax rebates, and they provide click-through links to HMRC website lookalikes.

Anyone tempted to provide credit or debit card details can then find their accounts emptied.

HMRC said it made contact with customers due tax refunds only by post, and not by telephone or email. It also said it never used third parties to inform people of any refunds.

**■ For more information about renewing your tax credits, call 0845 300 3900 or visit [www.direct.gov.uk/renewyourtaxcredits](http://www.direct.gov.uk/renewyourtaxcredits).**



## Under-25s 'show financial apathy'

APATHY surrounding key personal finance subjects among younger people has long been a problem, ranging from disinterest in pensions to disregard for credit-card interest rates.

But that apathy also stretches to savings – a subject made all the more important by continued above-target inflation rates.

Nearly nine in every 10 young people do not know the interest rates on their savings accounts, while two thirds do not know their balances.

That equates to millions of people aged under 25 being completely unaware of how their savings are performing.

The figures come from HSBC research, which suggests under-25s are the most apathetic about their savings.

However, younger people do top the table in having savings goals, with under-25s most likely to have particular aims in mind for their money, while over-55s are the least likely to save for specific purposes.

"It is never too early for young people to begin to learn the basics of managing money and the importance of budgeting and saving," said Peter Bull, of HSBC, which is backing a financial education programme for primary schools.

What Money Means, run in

partnership with the Personal Finance Education Group, is aimed at increasing both the quality and the quantity of personal finance education for youngsters.

While younger savers are the most ignorant, savings apathy is fairly high among all savers, according to the HSBC research.

More than three quarters of savers don't know the interest rates of their accounts, while more than half don't know the balances of all their savings accounts.

The study also showed that men kept a slightly closer eye than women on their accounts, and they are also more aware of interest rates.

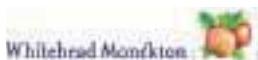


## INSIDE THIS WEEK

TRANSATLANTIC flights could take off from Manston airport from as early as summer next year if a fledgling operator manages to get its plans off the ground. FlyInvicta.com has contacted bosses at the east Kent airport to discuss proposals to run daytime flights to and from New York. While negotiations and the company's make-up and finances are all at an early stage, this plan has the potential to give the airport a much-needed boost and could possibly help offset Pfizer's withdrawal from its Sandwich site. Let us hope FlyInvicta.com's proposals become a reality.

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# Golf courses look to build on Open glory

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KENT'S top golf courses are working together to ensure they make the most of The Open effect.

Chart Hills sales, marketing and membership manager Sarah Saunders said it was vital that the top courses worked in unison to encourage the thousands of visitors who braved the wind and rain at Royal St George's last week to make a return visit to the county.

"The Open has brought Kent to the forefront of people's minds – it has been a fantastic success.

"Now it's all about working in partnership with other Kent golf courses, travel companies such as P&O Ferries and Eurostar and third parties such as hotels and restaurants to keep it there.

"Visit Kent has done a tremendous job in championing the county as both a golfing and visitor destination. We need to keep the momentum going and keep selling Kent as a fantastic destination to come to."

The big winner at The Open was Northern Ireland's Darren Clarke, who picked up his first major in his 20th Open outing.

But Saunders says Kent came a close second.



### WINNER:

Kent's golf courses are hoping to make the most of The Open, won by Darren Clarke, in the coming months and years

"We have more than 100 golf courses across the county, four of which are in the top 100 in the UK. There is nowhere else in the country where you will find such a plethora of good golf courses. On top of that, the county boasts a wide range of amazing attractions.

"Our USPs are our proximity to mainland Europe and the competitive prices of ferries and Eurotunnel, which make Kent the ideal location for a short break. We're speaking to other golf courses – Royal St George's, Prince's, Royal Cinque Ports and The London Club – and other

parties to put together packages to encourage potential customers to return to Kent.

"Visit Kent has done a great job in pushing Kent forward as a destination for golf. We want to continue that."

Sandra Matthews-Marsh, chief executive at Visit Kent, said: "Kent is a perfect destination for golfers of all levels – right on London's doorstep.

"Plus there is a wealth of attractions for family members not so eager to spend all their time on the greens. With our golf courses, accommodation providers and other Visit Kent investors, we have developed a series of golf breaks and packages with Golfsbreaks.com, Europe's largest golf travel company. More are in the pipeline."

"We promoted Kent at the International Association Of Golf Tour Operators' trade show in Valencia last year and will be in Turkey for the same show later this year. Visit Kent was at St Andrews for the 2010 Open and, of course, we were well represented at the Golf Live Event at London Golf Club."

"To date we have hosted more than 100 specialist Press trips focusing on Kent's golf and tourism offer and we have ensured all marketing activity for the campaign has been backed by website and e-marketing initiatives."

### GROWTH

## Supporting SMEs 'key to recovery'

MP Gordon Henderson says helping SMEs to expand is key to bringing future prosperity to the county.

The Sittingbourne and Sheppey representative made the statement during a visit to St George's Business Park.

He said: "It's from small expanding companies that much of the growth in the local economy will come in the next few years and I want those businesses to be well placed to expand and provide the extra jobs our people need. We need to make it easy for people to grow their businesses to the benefit of all. We have excellent facilities to support businesses, like St George's Business Park, where start-up companies can easily be launched and where expanding companies can grow."

St George's operates easy-in and easy-out monthly licences.

Kevin Cawston, of Cawston Specialist Roofing, said: "When you are starting out you need to limit the commitments you are making and so taking space month by month is ideal."



TRIALS: Freight trains have tested HS1

### IMPORT

## UK freight network moves a step closer

CROSS-Channel freight-train operations further linking Kent to the Continent took another big step forward with Groupe Eurotunnel adding to its locomotive fleet.

The company, which operates the Channel Tunnel, snapped up five more SNCF Class 92 freight trains, bringing its fleet to 16.

A spokesman said: "These additions reaffirm Eurotunnel's commitment to the growth of cross-Channel rail freight and demonstrate our intent to promote open access."

The purchase comes after trials on the High Speed 1 rail link to test the Kent track's ability to handle larger trains from Europe.

DB Schenker Rail UK's Alain Thauvette said: "Another significant step forward to enable freight trains on the pan-European network to London has been taken."

"The opportunity to increase modal shift between road to rail on cross-Channel operations is fast becoming a reality."

### NEW BUSINESS

## LA Monkeys make Canterbury move

AN AMERICAN production company is bringing a taste of Los Angeles to Kent with its plans to move into a Canterbury studio.

Pop Monkey Productions will open its first UK office at Adision TV Studios, using these premises to expand its development work across Europe.

The move comes as part of the company's push into original content and ownership of unscripted format rights.

Co-founder Chuck Thomas said: "Our goal is to pitch new formats to broadcasters in Europe first in a bid to retain ownership outside the US and bring them back when they're hits."

Fellow co-founder Simone Thorogood said: "Using our relationships in Europe and the US and our studio facilities in the UK, we've got the full package to create the next big hit for broadcasters."

Pop Monkey Productions has picked up UK and US rights for cooking show Guerilla Grill (aired in Hungary) and card-based game show Catch 21 (aired in the US).

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## FOOD & DRINK

### Sheps opens bespoke bar

SHEPHERD Neame has opened a bespoke bar at the Royal Albert Hall.

The Spitfire Bar was installed after a unique partnership was forged between the brewery and the venue.

Spitfire brand manager Kate Maclean said the partnership represented a new phase in the brand's continued growth, with many exciting developments ahead sure to keep it in the spotlight.

She said: "Spitfire's wide-ranging appeal complements the many audiences who enjoy the Royal Albert Hall's diverse range of entertainments."

"We are delighted at this unique partnership between Spitfire and the Royal Albert Hall and look forward to a long and successful association."

Michelle Aland, the venue's head of sponsorship and partnerships, said: "Spitfire ale is the perfect partner for the Royal Albert Hall."

Shepherd Neame began brewing Spitfire at its Faversham brewery in 1990.

The brand sponsors the Kent Spitfires cricket team.

## ONLINE

### Web workshops at science park

**SOCIAL-media guru Pankaj Shukla will lead a series of internet-inspired seminars at Kent Science Park.**

**The three talks will focus on utilising search engines to make your website stand out, using social media to turn customers into fans, and harnessing online marketing.**

**Mr Shukla said: "The trick to getting great results from the internet is simply knowing what you should be doing. There really is no need to go to expensive companies who offer to do this work on your behalf – all you need is an idea of how you can deliver extra value to your clients and a little bit of time every day to implement your plan.**

**"Once you realise how simple it is and your business starts to boom you'll wonder how you ever got by without it."**

**The seminars will take place at the Sittingbourne science park on the first Wednesdays of October, November and December.**

## TRAVEL

### Partnership a 'natural fit'

BALDWINS Travel has partnered with national operator Kuoni.

As part of the dual-brand deal, the Maidstone firm, which has offices in Sevenoaks, Tunbridge Wells and Tonbridge, will move its headquarters to a new boutique building in the county town.

Baldwins Travel managing director Ron Marks said: "We are very excited to be partnering with Kuoni at our new, stylish store in Maidstone.

"Combined with Kuoni's high-quality product, this new relationship provides a natural fit for our client's requirements. We look forward to growing our mutual success."

Kuoni's national sales manager Amanda Darrington said: "We have worked with Baldwins for many years and are especially delighted to have assisted the Maidstone team's move to the new boutique premises in the most vibrant part of town. This partnership demonstrates our commitment to grow our business alongside good independent agents."

# County firms paying hefty price for fraud



BUSINESSES were defrauded out of more than £1 billion in the first six months of this year, a new report has revealed.

UK firms lost £1.1 billion to criminals between January and June – up from £609 million during the same period in 2010.

The South East was the hardest-hit region, accounting for £661 million of fraud.

While the greatest burden, by value and number of cases, of fraud has been borne by Government agencies, the private sector is also under intense attack.

In fact, the average case value of private-sector fraud in the UK has jumped from £2.5m in January-June 2010 to £4.2m for the same period this year.

Kevin Meehan, Kent director at KPMG, said: "The evolution of e-commerce, as well as increased reliance on automated payment systems and the ability of professional criminals to stay one step ahead, has swollen overall UK fraud figures.

"But fraud levelled at UK businesses tears at the very fabric of the economy. Although it is just as prevalent in larger organisations, the small and medium-sized companies are more likely to suffer dire consequences as a result. For SMEs, fraud can often lead to significant cash-flow problems resulting in redundancies – and at worst a fight for survival."

**■ RECENT KENT FRAUD CASES:** A former Nomura banker from Kent was sentenced to 11 years in prison for an attempted £50m mortgage fraud.

A 51-year-old man from Sevenoaks was part of an inter-

payments were not made. However, the judge said spending some £500 on a season ticket for Crystal Palace Football Club could not be regarded as one of life's necessities.

A woman from Gillingham was found guilty of laundering almost £164,000 through an internet scam via her handbag shop in Skinner Street. The shop was a facade of a business earning next to no money.

She leased the premises from a landlord who ran Western Union and, unknown to the landlord, she signed up with Western Union as an agent and the company's software was installed at her shop. It was discovered that £164,000 from overseas had been sent to other countries. The frauds were perpetrated mainly in the United States and fictitious characters were created as recipients of the money.

A father and son from Orpington were sentenced for their part in a £6 million tax evasion to fund their "luxury lifestyles".

Canterbury Crown Court heard the pair used the cash to finance the purchase of a villa in Spain, joint ownership of a racehorse, a BMW car and an £8,000 golf holiday overseas.

HMRC investigators found that between 1997 and 2004 the pair used a false invoicing scheme to conceal the withdrawal of £18 million from the bank accounts of their two construction companies.

The scheme enabled them to make more than £3m of fraudulent claims for the repayment of VAT and reduce corporation tax liability, while also failing to meet Construction Industry Scheme tax obligations.



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## Apprentice scheme ahead of target

A COUNCIL'S 100-day apprenticeship challenge continues to gather pace, with Strood-based R Swain and Sons the latest firm to take on two teenage recruits.

Medway Council called on firms across the Towns to employ 100 apprentices in just 100 days.

The scheme, launched in May, got off to a flying start and is still ahead of target at the halfway point.

R Swain and Sons helped bring the 100-new-jobs goal into sight by employing Jack Humphrey, 16, and Harri Stevenson, 18.

"Doing an apprenticeship sets you up for a career and a future with a company," said Harri, from Rochester.

"Finding work can be really difficult at my age. I think this scheme's a good idea as it will encourage employers to take on apprentices and I think, as young people, we can offer a lot to a business as we grow to know it inside out."

For Jack, from Strood, taking up the apprenticeship at Swain was continuing a family tradition with the company where his uncle and grandfather have worked.

"It's important young people do an apprenticeship instead of going straight into work because you get a qualification and a good grounding in a company, their values and the way they work," he said.

"It's something my family have done and I'm looking

forward to following in their footsteps."

R Swain and Sons commercial director Paul Burridge said apprentices were key to the company and its values.

"They are the future of our company and indeed our industry. All our apprentices gain a recognised qualification and at the same time get some real hands-on experience, from washing vehicles on their first day to gaining a fully-fledged HGV licence and a position with the firm."

The Medway 100 In 100 Apprenticeship Challenge launched in May and is aimed at encouraging more businesses to take on apprentices and realise the benefits they can bring.

# Airline eyes flights to States from Manston

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A NEW airline has declared an interest in operating transatlantic flights from Manston.

FlyInvicta.com is looking to initially run daytime flights between the east Kent airport and New York.

Bosses at the fledgling company say they have contacted Manston airport chiefs to notify them of their intentions.

FlyInvicta.com was keen to stress that, while it was interested in operating transatlantic flights, the Manston to New York route was far from a done deal and the firm was also in talks with airports in London, the north of England and mainland Europe.

The spokesman said the FlyInvicta.com management team was taking shape and included staff from a number of British and North American airlines.

The company is also in the process of raising the necessary funding required to secure its short- to medium-term future against factors such as rising fuel costs and a proposed rise in airport tax.

A FlyInvicta.com statement reads: "FlyInvicta.com is a pioneering long-haul operator with plans to fly new trans-Atlantic routes.

"Reminiscent of a more courteous and comfortable age, FlyInvicta.com will potentially initially fly from Manston to New York, offering a full range of business and economy travel that rivals established carriers.

"Respect for customers is our watchword. Customers can rely on our exceptional attention to detail, an expert management team drawn from professionals within the airline, travel and business worlds, and highly trained crews.

"Together, these create the foundation for a consistent, welcoming and reliable service within a secure and safe environment.



**TAKE OFF?** FlyInvicta.com has expressed an interest in operating a transatlantic route

"Other routes may be announced in due course."

The company has set up a short survey on its website in a bid to research which US destinations would be most sought by Kent and London passengers, which UK airport would be their preferred location to take off from, and on which type of aircraft they would rather fly.

A spokesman for Manston airport was unavailable for comment.

## Small businesses feel pinch caused by fall in lending from major banks

SMALL firms are bearing the brunt of a contraction in bank lending, a survey suggests.

Figures released by the British Bankers Association (BBA) show SMEs – particularly the smallest businesses – are the least confident and least likely to receive financial support from the major banks.

More than half of businesses with up to nine employees had not applied for a loan in the last 12 months because they expected to be turned down.

Overall, 52 per cent of small firms with up to 249 employees said that applying for a loan caused too much hassle, was too costly, or that they were being asked for too much security.

The Federation Of Small Businesses said the BBA's

findings reflected what it had been told by its members.

Kent and Medway chairman Roger House said: "Small firms have been telling us for the past few years that they are fearful of approaching the banks for new finance, or to extend an overdraft, because they know they are likely to be turned down or be offered a deal on terms that just aren't favourable for them."

"The picture that emerges from this independent research shows that the smallest SMEs are losing out – with a third being refused outright when initially applying for new finance. This figure is more than double the bigger SMEs being refused."

"So the big question is why medium-sized companies are getting a better deal."

"The FSB's own survey work

has shown that small firms are missing out on growth and investment opportunities and are at a competitive disadvantage as a result of failing to secure the finance they have requested.

"This will have a much wider impact on the economy as small firms make up more than half of UK GDP."

"This BBA research comes at a crucial time and should feed in to the recommendations the Independent Commission On Banking will be making to Government in September."

"The FSB has long been calling for greater competition in the banking sector to give the smallest firms a better chance of securing a better deal, and these results show the importance of that demand."

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## Seminar to offer free advice to all

A FREE seminar will be held this week to boost the career prospects of Kent's business owners, employees, graduates and apprentices.

The event takes place at the University of Kent's business school in Canterbury, from 4-6pm on Tuesday, and will feature speeches from key business people as well as a question-and-answer session on a wide range of topics.

Sponsored by MFW Chartered Accountants – which has six offices throughout the county – the seminar is a partnership between Kent County Council, Kent Business School, and the Canterbury firm Yes! Recruit Me.

KCC leader Cllr Paul Carter will be one of those delivering a speech at the event.

He said: "Kent County Council strives to do all it can to promote sound business and entrepreneurship in the county."

"In order for Kent to grow economically, despite these uncertain times, we need risk-takers, leaders, collaboration and training. It's these sorts of start-up companies, together with established SMEs, that the county should be getting behind to encourage business success."

Yes! Recruit Me is a new start-up created by 23-year-old chartered accountant and entrepreneur Joe Thomsett.

He said: "Having researched the local market, we've seen a real opportunity to add value to the recruitment sector, incorporating various techniques to match candidate values and drivers to those of the company culture."

"Where we're not just matching technical skills alone, we're providing a much stronger calibration between candidates and clients."

"We create a whole digital candidate portfolio, including video CV, which we present to the clients and then make available to them, together with other valuable information, on their own personalised website."

"Successful candidates are then placed on training courses with one of our partners."

Other speakers at the seminar include apprenticeships expert Mike Henderson and American entrepreneur Robert De Fougerolles.

Call 01227 811975 or send an email to admin@yesrecruitme.co.uk to register and reserve a free place.

# Success stories give thanks for royal help

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ENTREPRENEURS from Kent and beyond are celebrating 35 years of help and guidance from the Prince's Trust youth charity.

Set up by the Prince of Wales in 1976, the trust provides financial support and teaches key skills to 14-to-30-year-olds who have struggled in school, been in care, are long-term unemployed, or have been in trouble with the law.

The charity has helped more than 600,000 young people over the years, some of whom attended a 35th birthday celebration at the prince's official residence of Clarence House, Westminster, earlier this month.

Among them were Kent residents Anne Spratling and John Ayris, who set up the East of India handmade gifts business in 1991.

"We got laughed out of the bank on one occasion," said Anne. "Looking back I suppose I can understand why we didn't seem like a good investment. We had no savings or business experience and were still living with our parents."

"The Prince's Trust really believed in us and took a chance on our idea. They approved our business plan and gave us a loan and a business mentor."

East of India has grown steadily every year and the company's products are now sold in more than 2,000 outlets in the UK, as well as in countries as far away as Japan.

It also employs 36 people in Folkestone and 400 people in Bali, where most of the products are made.

The man who made the gifts Anne and John originally brought home from Bali still works for the company and

has now enlisted the help of his entire village.

Anne said: "By giving us a chance and believing in our idea, the Prince's Trust has helped create jobs not just for us, but for hundreds of other people. We'll always be grateful to the trust for helping us get this far."

Even in the face of the recent recession and rising youth unemployment, more than three in four young people supported by the charity have moved into work, education or training.

Many of the youngsters have overcome challenges such as abuse, depression, addiction and homelessness.

Film star Kevin Spacey and singer Rod Stewart were among the celebrities who attended the birthday celebration, as were Gravesend's former Bond girl Gemma Arterton, and Cooling-based musician Jools Holland.

The Later presenter said: "Many young people have very low confidence and self-esteem before receiving support from the trust."

"At the reception I met people who were given a hand as far back as the 1980s, who now run successful global businesses. It just goes to

show what can be achieved when someone believes in you."

Log on to the Prince's Trust's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/princestrust to be in with a chance of winning prizes including a Blackberry PlayBook tablet and an HP mini laptop.

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SUCCESS: The Prince of Wales greets Kent couple Anne Spratling and John Ayris

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### Silver surfers invited to learn new internet skills from digital charity

WANNABE silver surfers are invited to take part in a new computer skills training course for the over-50s.

The 14-week course is due to start next month and is being run in Tunbridge Wells by the charity Sound Architect Creative Media.

Dates, times and locations are yet to be confirmed.

A spokesman said: "Not only will the participants be able to keep in touch with the younger members of their families, but

also they will learn how to use the internet in a safe and easy way. The aim is to ensure people do not feel so isolated by helping them keep up-to-date with changing technology – even ordering and arranging delivery of their weekly shopping if they are unable to get to a supermarket."

Sound Architect Creative Media aims to promote awareness, creativity and education using digital technology, with the belief that everyone should

have the opportunity to explore his or her creativity.

Since 2003 the charity has managed and facilitated more than 1,000 programmes and worked with more than 4,500 participants.

The over-50s computer course costs £2 per session with equipment and refreshments provided.

Places are limited and will be offered on a first-come-first-served basis. Call 07592 021590 to book.

## Construction students don their hard hats

CONSTRUCTION students at Bromley College experienced a day on the building site thanks to Ward Homes.

The 20 diploma pupils, aged 16-18, were given a tour of the Trinity Village development to give them an insight into working life.

Daniel Bogle, programme area leader for construction at the college, said: "It is great that Ward Homes have given the students the opportunity to visit a site such as Trinity Village.

"The new development is just across the road from the college and we've been watching the build process from afar with great interest over the last year, so it was great to get past the hoarding and see the site up close.

"We have great facilities at the college, but with subjects like construction there is only so much you can teach in a classroom.

"We appreciate the team at Ward taking the time to show the students around and answer any questions they may have on the building industry. Who knows, a few years from now they could be working for Ward on a site just like this."

Situated on Crown Lane, the Trinity Village development – built in association with Asprey Homes – will comprise a range of one and two-bedroom apartments, as well as two, three and four-bedroom family homes.

Site manager Dave Strand said: "It was a real pleasure to have the students on site for the afternoon. I remember when I was training and we were all eager to get out onto a real



**POINTING THE WAY:** Site manager Dave Strand construction site. "I gave the students a talk about the site, the build process and site safety, and then took them on a hard-hat tour of the development.

"There is no better way to learn about the construction trade than practical hands-on experience on a working site like we have here in Bromley, and we were glad we could offer our help."

Visit [www.bromley.ac.uk](http://www.bromley.ac.uk) for more information about the range of diploma subjects and other qualifications available.

## Public service and leadership put to the test with new qualification

AN INDEPENDENT school near Maidstone has been chosen as the first in Kent to pioneer a new qualification in public service and leadership.

Thirteen pupils from Sutton Valence School recently completed a six-day residential course at the RAF training centre in Windermere as part of the BTEC qualification.

In addition to activities such as kayaking, canoeing, climbing and abseiling, the youngsters also learned about the

work needed to organise and manage outdoor activities.

Teacher Glen Millberry, who accompanied the group, said: "We passionately believe a challenging co-curricular programme helps produce confident, socially responsible individuals.

"This new qualification also meets our goal of encouraging public service and citizenship."

Sutton Valence School offers more than 40 after-hours activities to its students every

week. Every pupil chooses at least two of the activities, which range from community service and debating, to fencing and cooking.

Other extra-curricular activities enjoyed by youngsters in recent months include a group who explored the jungles of Borneo, another who learned how to fly an aeroplane, and a third who taught underprivileged children in an Indian village. Visit [www.svs.org.uk](http://www.svs.org.uk) for more information.

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A minimum of two good A-levels or equivalent are required, along with an excellent telephone manner, written and spoken English and a sound working knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel. Enthusiasm

and knowledge of motorsport will be an advantage, but not essential.

There will be a requirement to work some weekends to meet the needs of the business, especially major race meetings.

Please apply in writing, including a current CV and salary expectations, to:

Katie Dickens  
Group Human Resources Officer  
MotorSport Vision Centre, Brands Hatch Circuit,  
Fawkham, Longfield Kent DA3 8NG

or email [katie.dickens@motorsportvision.co.uk](mailto:katie.dickens@motorsportvision.co.uk)

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## AN OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Key responsibility will be for the day-to-day administration of our busy office. Some previous office experience would be preferred but is not essential. The successful applicant will be conversant with Microsoft Office & Excel.

Interested applicants should send their CV by e-mail ([info@t-mex.com](mailto:info@t-mex.com)) or post to

T-mex Limited, Ledian Farm, Leeds Village, Nr Maidstone, Kent, ME17 1RZ

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Or e-mail: [David@Jacobwhite.com](mailto:David@Jacobwhite.com)



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Working on your own initiative you will need to be creative in seeking opportunities and should have experience in all aspects of running a small business. Some knowledge of charity work will be an advantage as well as an understanding of running a very small office including volunteers.

You should have strong communication, interpersonal and leadership skills and experience of event planning and management. This is definitely not a 9 to 5 role and weekend work will be required at certain times.

Terms and Conditions by negotiation.

Closing date for applications 10/08/11 by email to: [sallyroger@brogdalecollections.co.uk](mailto:sallyroger@brogdalecollections.co.uk)

## STORES PERSON

Required By

A Local Sevenoaks Company for a Variety of Duties including the Control of a Small Stores warehouse, some assembly/fabrication work. The individual will need to be flexible and organised. This is a full-time position.

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The candidate must have DipSW or equivalent and registered with GSCC. Must have good communication and assessment skills and experience of working with looked after children and supervising foster carers. Also, to be able to prepare reports and child and foster carer assessments. Must be able to drive and have use of a car and to have basic IT skills.

**Salary Scale:** £30K to £35K depending on experience or qualifications  
Full time 37.5 hours per week

**Benefits:** Car allowance, enhancement for Out of Hours, Work Mobile Phone and Laptop

**Work base:** Head Office Lydd, Romney Marsh, Kent  
Satellite Office Tonbridge, Kent



## Fostering Manager Designate

*Supervision of Social Work and support staff*

### KEY SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS

The candidate must have CQSW or DipSW and two years post qualifying experience. Must also be registered with GSCC. Also good communication and assessment skills and experience of supervising social work staff and working with looked after children. Must also be able to prepare reports. Full Driving Licence and have good IT skills.

**Salary Scale:** £28K to £45K depending on experience or qualifications  
Full time 37.5 hours per week

**Benefits:** Car allowance, enhancement for Out of Hours

**Work base:** Head Office Lydd, Romney Marsh, Kent

For both positions, please contact  
David Burton 01797 322226 [d.burton@credocare.co.uk](mailto:d.burton@credocare.co.uk) or  
June Stone 01797 322226 [j.stone@credocare.co.uk](mailto:j.stone@credocare.co.uk)



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MidKent College based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint outstanding individuals in the following areas:

**Chemistry Technician****Ref: P0070**

18.5 hours per week

Salary: £17,050 - £21,339 pro rata (dependent on qualifications and experience)

We are looking to recruit a highly experienced individual to support the technical provision within the Science Department from GCSE level to HND in Applied Chemistry. The successful candidate will be supporting staff and students throughout the Department and will hold a qualification in Chemistry at degree level or equivalent.

**Senior Administrator****Ref: P0675**

Salary: £18,759 - £22,753 per annum

(dependent on qualifications and experience)

We are looking for an experienced administrator to play a key role in supporting the Head of Service in the monitoring of college policy, strategy and development of Student Support Department. The successful candidate will have a clear focus on the development of the Service level Agreements, monitoring, tracking of the WorkSkills qualification and development of the Management Information process with a responsibility for quality assurance. They will work closely with members of staff throughout the College, ensuring the quality and delivery of entitlement and related activities throughout the department and have a responsibility for supervising the apprentice and junior administrator, providing opportunities for them to develop within their roles and completion of the appraisal process.

**Recruitment Placement Co-ordinator****Ref: P0320**

Salary: £18,759 - £22,753 per annum (dependent on qualifications and experience)

The College is seeking an outstanding individual to oversee and co-ordinate the operation of the Job Shop services. You will establish and develop business links with external employers to provide suitable employment opportunities for our students. Ideally, the successful candidate will hold CPP/CRP qualifications or equivalent.

**Human Resources Assistant****Ref: P0578**

Salary: £15,891 - £19,464 per annum (dependent on qualifications and experience)

We are looking for a highly organised individual to contribute to the smooth running of the HR services based at the Royal School of Military Engineering. You will assist the HR Advisor and the Head of HR with administrative responsibilities and act as first point of contact for staff. You will ensure the day to day tasks are completed efficiently, working closely with Managers, assisting the payroll team and dealing with general HR queries for staff on all levels.

**Closing date: 12 noon, Wednesday 3 August 2011.**

For an informal discussion regarding any of these roles, please contact the HR Department on 01634 383511. The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, vulnerable adults and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with the College procedure.

Application forms and further details are available from [www.midkent.ac.uk](http://www.midkent.ac.uk). Alternatively, please e-mail [job.applications@midkent.ac.uk](mailto:job.applications@midkent.ac.uk). For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the HR department on 01634 383102 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.

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Closing date: 22nd July

Interviews: 28th July

An application form and further details can be obtained by contacting

**01304 245029** or emailing**personnel.office@doyrms.com**or website [www.doyrms.com](http://www.doyrms.com)

Please note that the post is offered subject to receipt of two professional references. All relevant information must be included on the application form.

CVs will not be accepted.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be required to undertake an Enhanced Disclosure by the CRB /ISA

**COUNCIL NOTICES****KENT COUNTY COUNCIL FORWARD  
PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS**

Local Government Act 2000

1. As required by the Local Government Act 2000, each month Kent County Council publishes a Forward Plan of key decisions expected to be taken during the following six calendar months. The definition of a key decision is "an executive decision which is likely to:

- (a) result in the local authority incurring expenditure which is, or in the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the local authority's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates, (the current figure which applies to this is unbudgeted savings or expenditure of £1m).
- (b) be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards or electoral division in the area of the local authority."

2. Each Forward Plan contains a list of documents that will be submitted to the decision-makers for consideration in relation to the decisions to be made. Subject to any prohibition or restriction on their disclosure, copies of, or extracts from, any document listed in the Forward Plan are available, together with any other relevant documents, from the person named in the appropriate Forward Plan entry.

The dates for publication of this plan during the next 12 months are:

Wednesday 4 January to 29 June 2012

Wednesday 4 February to 27 July 2012

Thursday 1 March to 31 August 2012

Monday 2 April to 28 September 2012

Tuesday 1 May to 31 October 2012

Friday 1 June to 30 November 2012

Monday, 2 July to 28 December 2012

Wednesday 1 August to 31 January 2013

Monday 3 September to 28 February 2013

Monday 1 October to 29 March 2013

Thursday 4 November to 30 April 2013

Monday 3 December to 31 May 2013

The Forward Plan of key decisions can be read on [www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk)/your council and at the Council's Corporate Library throughout Kent.

Geoffrey Wild, Director of Governance and Law, Kent County Council, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XQ

[www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk)**Premises/ Goods Licences****GOODS VEHICLE  
OPERATOR'S LICENCE**

Julian Blackborrow trading as Linden Automotive, of Leigh Green Industrial Estate, Appledore Road, Tenterden, Kent TN30 7DE, is applying for a licence to use: Leigh Green Industrial Estate, Appledore Road, Tenterden, Kent TN30 7DE, as an operating centre for 2 goods vehicles and 2 trailers.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice.

A Guide to making representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

**Notice is hereby given that Wendy Ballanger of 1-2 Parrock Street, Gravesend DA12 1EW has applied to Gravesham Borough Council for the VARIATION EXTENSION OF OPENING HOURS THURS / FRI / SAT: Noon - 04:00am. Extension of hours for Live Music, Recorded Music Late night refreshments & sale of alcohol. For the premises Whispers Situated at 1-2 Parrock Street, Gravesend DA12 1EW**

A register of licensing applications can be inspected at <http://www.gravesham.gov.uk/licensing> or at Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1U tel: 01474 337334 by appointment with the Licensing Team between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday.

Any person wishing to submit representations to my/our application must give notice in writing to the address shown above, giving in detail the grounds of objection by 10/08/2011. The Council will not entertain representations where the writer requests that his identity remains anonymous. Copies of all representations will be included in the papers presented to the Licensing Panel and will therefore pass into the public domain. Representations must relate to one of the four Licensing Objectives: the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm. In the case of an application for a provisional statement, please note that representations will be restricted once a statement has been issued.

**Goods Vehicle  
Operator's Licence**

Enterprise Managed Services Ltd of Gordon House Sceptre Way, Bamber Bridge, Preston PR5 6AW is applying to change an existing licence to add Operating Centres for 23 Goods Vehicles at RINGWAY HIGHWAY SERVICES, ST. MICHAELS CLOSE, AYLESFORD, ME20 7TZ and 13 Goods Vehicles at THE TEARDROP, LONDON ROAD, SWANLEY, BR8 8TJ and 10 Goods Vehicles at UPPER HAYESDEN LANE, TONBRIDGE, TN11 8AA and 20 Goods Vehicles at KCC HIGHWAYS DEPOT, HENWOOD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, REAR OF UNIT 7, ASHFORD, TN24 8DH. Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to making representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

**GOODS VEHICLE  
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Enterprise Managed Services Ltd of Gordon House Sceptre Way, Bamber Bridge, Preston PR5 6AW is applying to change an existing licence to add Operating Centres for 12 Goods vehicles at ASH ROAD, SANDWICH, CT13 9HZ and 15 goods vehicles at CANTERBURY ROAD, (None) H & T SITE, FAVERSHAM, ME13 8LY. Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice.

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## PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

### **PROW - District of Shepway**

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER HIGHWAYS ACT 1980**

##### **THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**

##### **(PUBLIC FOTPATH HM115 (PART) OLD ROMNEY)**

##### **PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2011**

The above Order made under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 to divert the entire width of that length of public footpath numbered HM115 which commences NGR TR 0151 2217 (Point A) on the Order Plan, and runs in a southly direction for 365 metres to join with Public Bridleway HM117 at NGR TR 0151 2181 (Point B). Between points A-B on the Order Plan; and to add a new length of public footpath numbered HM115 with a width of 2.5 metres which commences at NGR TR 0151 2217 (Point A) on the Order plan, and runs in a south-easterly direction for 285 metres along a defined farm track to NGR TR 0173 2199 (Point C). Between points A-C on the Order plan.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order and the Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Shepway District Council, The Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or the Kent County Council, Environment & Waste at Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XX during office hours. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

Any representation about or objection to the Order may be sent in writing to Matthew Garvey at the address below (Tel: 01622 221971) before 22 August 2011. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

If no representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, Kent County Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER HIGHWAYS ACT 1980**

##### **THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**

##### **(PUBLIC FOTPATHS HM117 (PART) & HL27 (PART) OLD ROMNEY & LYDD)**

##### **PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2011**

The above Order made under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 to divert the entire width of that length of public bridleway numbered HL27 which commences NGR TR 0215 2100 (Point A) on the Order plan, continuing in a west north-westerly direction for 330 metres to NGR TR 0181 2106 (Point B) the route then runs in a north-westerly direction for 339 metres to NGR TR 0152 2123 (Point C) where Public Bridleway HL27 changes number to HM117;

And (b) that length of public bridleway HM117 which commences at NGR TR 0152 2125 (Point C) and runs in a generally north-westerly direction for 327 metres to NGR TR 0125 2144 (Point D). The route then continues in a westerly direction for 278 metres to NGR TR 0098 2146 (Point E), the route then turns in a north-north-westerly direction for 65 metres to NGR TR 0094 2151 (Point F), then in a north-easterly direction for 1,244 metres to NGR TR 0198 2212 (Point G). Between points A-B-C-D-E-F-G on the Order plan;

And to add a new lengths of public bridleway (a) numbered HL27 with a width of 3.0 metres which commences at NGR TR 0215 2100 (Point A) and runs in a west south-westerly direction for 284 metres to NGR TR 0187 2094 (Point H), the route then runs in a north-westerly direction for 471 metres to NGR TR 0151 2124 (Point I) where the route changes number to HM117;

And a new length of public bridleway numbered HM117 with a width of 3.0 metres which commences at NGR TR 0151 2124 (Point I) and continues in a north-westerly direction for 320 metres to NGR TR 0125 2144 (Point D) along a defined farm track. The route then turns in a northerly direction for 354 metres to NGR TR 0132 2174 (Point J), and then runs in a generally north-easterly direction for 740 metres to NGR TR 0198 2212 (Point G). Between points A-H-I-D-J-G on the Order plan.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

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#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER HIGHWAYS ACT 1980**

##### **THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**

##### **(PUBLIC FOTPATH HL14 LYDD)**

##### **PUBLIC PATH EXTINGUISHMENT AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2011**

The above Order made under Section 118 of the Highways Act 1980 to extinguish the entire width of that length of Public Footpath numbered HL14 which commences at its junction with Public Footpath HL26 (NGR TR 0316 2041) (Point A) and runs in a south-westerly direction for 528 metres to its termination on Jury's Gap Road at NGR TR 0277 2005 (Point B), as shown between points A-B on the Order plan.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order and the Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Shepway District Council, The Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or the Kent County Council, Environment & Waste at Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XX during office hours. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

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#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER HIGHWAYS ACT 1980**

##### **THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**

##### **(PUBLIC FOTPATH HM4 (PART) OLD ROMNEY)**

##### **PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2011**

The above Order made under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 to divert the entire width of that length of public footpath numbered HM4 which commences at NGR TR 0001 2140 (Point A) on the Order Plan, and runs in a easterly direction for 733 metres to NGR TR 0073 2134 (Point B) before turning in a south-easterly direction for approximately 110 metres to NGR TR 0080 2125 (Point C) finally turning in a north-easterly direction for 279 metres to its termination on Public Bridleway HM117 at NGR TR 0100 2146 (Point D). Between points A, B, C & D on the Order plan; and will add a new length of public footpath numbered HM4 with a width of 4.5 metres which commences at NGR TR 0001 2140 (Point A) on the Order plan, and runs in a south-easterly direction for 683 metres along a defined farm track to NGR TR 0059 2108 (Point E). Between points A-E on the Order plan.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

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#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER HIGHWAYS ACT 1980**

##### **THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**

##### **(PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY HL48 LYDD)**

##### **PUBLIC PATH CREATION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2011**

The above Order made under Section 26 of the Highways Act 1980 to create a new length of Public Bridleway numbered HL48 with a width of 3.0 metres which commences at Jury's Gap Road at NGR TR 0351 2041 (Point A) on the Order Plan, and runs in a north-westerly direction for 15 metres to NGR TR 0350 2042 (Point B) then in a south-westerly direction for 227 metres to NGR TR 0333 2027 (Point C) before turning in a north-westerly direction for 133 metres to NGR TR 0322 2034, the route then turns in a south-westerly direction for 539 metres to join with Jury's Gap Road at NGR TR 0277 2005 (Point E). Between points A, B, C, D & E as shown on the Order plan.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order and the Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Shepway District Council, The Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or the Kent County Council, Environment & Waste at Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XX during office hours. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

Any representation about or objection to the Order may be sent in writing to Matthew Garvey at the address below (Tel: 01622 221971) before 22 August 2011. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

If no representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, Kent County Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER HIGHWAYS ACT 1980**

##### **THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**

##### **(PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY HM221 OLD ROMNEY)**

##### **PUBLIC PATH CREATION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2011**

The above Order made under Section 26 of the Highways Act 1980 to create a new length of Public Bridleway numbered HM221 with a width of 4.5 metres which commences at NGR TR 0067 2096 (Point A) on the Order Plan, and runs in a north-westerly direction for 150 metres to NGR TR 0059 2108 (Point B), the route then runs in a north-easterly direction for 997 metres to NGR TR 0132 2174 (Point C). Between points A-B-C on the Order plan.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order and the Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Shepway District Council, The Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or the Kent County Council, Environment & Waste at Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XX during office hours. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

Any representation about or objection to the Order may be sent in writing to Matthew Garvey at the address below (Tel: 01622 221971) before 22 August 2011. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

If no representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, Kent County Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

#### **NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC BYWAY HE228**

##### **IN THE PARISHES OF POSTLING AND STANFORD**

##### **(PUBLIC BYWAY HE228)**

##### **(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Section 14(1), As Amended By The Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991

Kent County Council has temporarily closed Public Byway HE228 between Stone Street and Postling Wents (A20) for its entire length, from 15th July 2011.

The path will be closed for a maximum of 6 months.

The path is to be closed because of danger to users due to ground conditions.

There is no alternative route.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Edward Denne

### **PROW - Borough of Swale**

#### **NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZR108 (PART)**

##### **IN THE PARISH OF BOBBING**

##### **(PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZR108 (PART) IN THE PARISH OF BOBBING)**

##### **(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14(1) AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council has temporarily closed Public Footpath ZR108 between Gemstone Court (NGR TQ 893 647) and the junction with Sonora Way (NGR TQ 892 648) from the 15th July 2011.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months.

The path is to be closed because works are planned on or near it and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route is along Jacinth Drive and will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Michael Ellis

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on 0845 345 0210 (Mon-Fri 8am-8pm)

or visit [www.kent.gov.uk/countrysideaccess](http://www.kent.gov.uk/countrysideaccess)



#### **NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF MODIFICATION ORDER**

##### **WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981**

##### **DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT**

##### **THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**

##### **(PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZU56, MILTON REGIS)**

##### **DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2011**

On 11th July 2011 the Kent County Council confirmed the above Order without modifications.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by adding a public footpath with an initial width of 2.0 metres for 63.2 metres and 1.0 metre for the remaining 51.9 metres. The path commences on Middleton Avenue between properties numbered 43 and 45 and runs south-south-eastwards for 30.4 metres between garden walls, thence east-south-eastwards for 32.8 metres, and thence south-south-eastwards for 51.9 metres between fencing where it connects to Vicarage Road between properties numbered 18 and 20.

All distances are approximate, all directions are general.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and Map may be seen free of charge during office hours at the offices of Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and Map may also be purchased there.

This Order became operative as from 11th July 2011, but if a person aggrieved by the Order desires to question the validity thereof or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of Section 53(3)(c)(i) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, or that any of the requirements of Schedule 15 to the Act have not been complied with in relation to the confirmation of the Order, he may, under Paragraph 12 of Schedule 15 to the Act, within 42 days from 24th July 2011 make application for the purpose to the High Court.

### **PROW - District of Thanet**

#### **NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDERS**

##### **WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981**

##### **DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE FORMER EXCLUDED AREA OF RAMSGATE**

On the 23rd day of May 2011 the following Orders were confirmed by the Kent County Council without modifications. The effect of these Orders as confirmed is to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the former Excluded Area of Ramsgate by adding public footpaths as described below and as shown on the plans attached to the Orders:-

Former Excluded Area of Ramsgate - Order No. 1 (Public Footpaths TRX14, TRX15, TRX16, TRX33 and TRX35) Definitive Map Modification Order 2011.

The effect of this Order is to add a Public Footpath (TRX14) which commences on London Road between properties numbered 107 and 109 and runs in a north-easterly direction for 61 metres to connect with Nethercourt Gardens adjacent to property number 24; a Public Footpath (TRX15) which commences between property numbers 69A and 71 Ashburnham Road and runs north-westerly for 26 metres to join High Street St Lawrence opposite property number 57; a Public Footpath (TRX16) which commences between property numbers 35 and 37 Bloomsbury Road and runs north-westerly for 26 metres to join King Edward Road adjacent to property number 12; a Public Footpath (TRX33) which commences between property numbers 86 and 88 South Eastern Road and runs in an easterly direction to junction with Duncan Road between property numbers 57 and 59; a Public Footpath (TRX35) which commences on Picton Road between property number 48 and 50 and runs in an easterly direction for 60 metres to connect with South Eastern Road between property numbers 99 and 101.

Former Excluded Area of Ramsgate - Order No.2 (Public Footpaths TRX4, TRX5, TRX7, TRX8, TRX9, TRX10, TRX11, TRX12, TRX13, TRX34, TRX37, TRX38, TRX44, TRX45 and TRX48) Definitive Map Modification Order 2011. The effect of this Order is to add a Public Footpath (TRX4) known as Charlotte's Court which commences from York Street adjacent to property 4A and runs in an easterly direction for 59 metres to join Harbour Street opposite property number 10; a Public Footpath (TRX5) which commences on Harbour Street and runs south-westwards for 17 metres to junction with Public

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Footpath TRX4 described above; a Public Footpath (TRX7) which commences on Chapel Place adjacent to Mont Hamel House and runs south easterly for 29 metres to connect with Meeting Street adjacent to Foresters Hall; a Public Footpath (TRX8) which commences on the corner of the junction of Richmond Road, Grove Road and Marlborough Road and runs north eastwards for 155 metres to its junction with Elms Avenue opposite Cannon Road; a Public Footpath (TRX9) which commences adjacent to property number 31 The Cloisters and runs north eastwards for 29 metres to connect with Priory Road opposite property number 12; a Public Footpath (TRX10) which commences on Townley Street between property numbers 12 and 14 and runs for 27 metres in a south easterly direction to connect with Spencer Square adjacent to property number 1 Spencer Street and number 30 Spencer Square; a Public Footpath (TRX11) which commences on Albert Street opposite property number 53 and runs in a south easterly direction for 94 metres to connect with James Street adjacent to property number 2; a Public Footpath (TRX12) which commences adjacent to property number 1 James Street and runs for 30 metres to connect with Hertford Place; a Public Footpath (TRX13) which commences on Albert Street between property numbers 51 and 53 and runs in a north westerly direction for 29 metres to connect with Ivy Lane adjacent to property number 2; a Public Footpath (TRX34) which commences adjacent to 59 Crescent Road at the junction with Codrington Road and runs in a north easterly direction for 42 metres and then for 86 metres in a southerly direction to connect with Richmond Road opposite property number 10; a Public Footpath (TRX37) also known as Sion passage which commences between property numbers 1 and 2 Rose Hill and runs for 59 metres in a south westerly direction to connect with Adelaide Gardens adjacent to property number 1; a Public Footpath (TRX38) which commences adjacent to 71 Nelson Crescent and 11 Prospect Terrace and runs for 30 metres in a north westerly direction to connect with Addington Place; a Public Footpath (TRX44) which commences adjacent to property number 2 Ethelbert Road and runs in a north westerly direction for 41.2 metres to connect with Beresford Road; a Public Footpath (TRX45) which commences adjacent to property number 6 St Augustines Road and runs for 117 metres in a north westerly direction to its connection with Priory Road adjacent to The Old Priory School; a Public Footpath (TRX48) which commences adjacent to property number 20 Belle Alliance Square and runs north eastwards for 26 metres to its connection with Plains of Waterloo.

Former Excluded Area of Ramsgate – Order No.3 (Public Footpaths TRX26, TRX27, TRX28, TRX29, TRX31, TRX32, TRX39, TRX46 and TRX47) Definitive Map Modification Order 2011.

The effect of the Order is to add a Public Footpath TRX26 which commences on Lillian Road adjacent to Hereson School and runs in a north easterly direction for 36 metres to connect with Cecilia Road; a Public Footpath (TRX27) which commences on St Luke's Avenue adjacent to property number 17 and runs for 25 metres in a north easterly direction to connect with Dame Road adjacent to property number 1; a Public Footpath (TRX28) which commences on St Luke's Avenue adjacent to property number 6 and runs in a south westerly direction for 159 metres to its junction with Boundary Road adjacent to property number 2; a Public Footpath (TRX29) which commences adjacent to property number 50 Boundary Road and runs north eastwards for 20 metres to its junction with Upper Dumpton Park Road; a Public Footpath (TRX31) which commences adjacent to property numbered 55 - 57 Winstanley Crescent and runs in a north easterly direction for 44 metres to connect with St Luke's Avenue opposite property numbered 121; a Public Footpath (TRX32) which

commences from St Luke's Avenue adjacent to property number 15 Gordon Road and runs in a south westerly direction for 66 metres to connect with Margate Road adjacent to property number 23; a Public Footpath (TRX39) which commences on Portland Court adjacent to Portland House and runs in a north easterly direction for 50 metres to meet Boundary Road opposite St Luke's Recreation Ground; a Public Footpath (TRX46) also known as Chatham Passage which commences adjacent to 145 Boundary road and runs south - south westwards for 55 metres to connect with Chatham Street opposite Eagle Hill; a Public Footpath (TRX47) which commences between property numbers 20 and 22 Flora Road and runs in a north easterly direction for 62 metres to connect with Dane Park Road between property numbers 44 and 46.

Former Excluded Area of Ramsgate – Order No.5 (Public Footpath TRX36) Definitive Map Modification Order 2011.

The effect of the Order is to add a Public Footpath (TRX36) which commences adjacent to property number 28 West Dumpton Lane and runs in a south easterly direction for 43 metres to connect with Sandwood Road adjacent to property numbered 38. On the 23rd day of May the following two Orders were confirmed by the Kent County Council with modifications as a result of the Council serving notice on the Secretary of State of its intention to sever parts of the respective Orders relating to Public Footpaths TRX20 and TRX6 in compliance with paragraph 5 to Schedule 15 of the Act. The effect of these Orders as confirmed is to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the former Excluded Area of Ramsgate by adding public footpaths as described below and as shown on the plans attached to the Orders:-

Former Excluded Area of Ramsgate – Order No.4 (Public Footpaths TRX17, TRX18, TRX19, TRX20, TRX21, TRX22, TRX23, TRX24, TRX25, TRX40, TRX41, TRX42, TRX43and TRX49) Definitive Map Modification Order 2011.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to add a Public Footpath (TRX17) which commences on Victoria Parade adjacent to 34 Winterstoke Crescent and runs north eastwards for 174 metres then turns north - north eastwards for 60 metres to junction with Wickham Avenue, the path continues in the same direction for 75 metres to junction with Avebury Avenue before continuing in northerly direction for 100 metres to its junction with Montefiore Avenue adjacent to property numbered 13; a Public Footpath (TRX18) which commences adjacent to number 3 Winterstoke Way and runs in a north - north easterly direction for 147 metres to connect with Public Footpath TRX17 adjacent to the rear of property number 14 Michael Avenue. At a point 22 metres to the southwest of this junction an additional spur runs north westwards for 8 metres to connect with Michael Avenue; a Public Footpath (TRX19) which commences on Montefiore Avenue opposite the property numbered 13 and runs in a north - north easterly direction for 140 metres to connect with existing Public Footpath TB53; a Public Footpath (TRX21) which commences adjacent to property number 61 Dumpton Park Drive and runs north westwards for 53 metres to connect with Wallwood Road adjacent to property number 20; a Public Footpath (TRX22) which commences between property numbers 8 and 28 Cornwall Avenue and runs for 36 metres in a north easterly direction to connect with Cranbourne Close between property numbers 11 and 13; a Public Footpath (TRX23) which commences from Roseberry Avenue adjacent to number 48 and runs south for 41 metres to connect with St David's Road adjacent to property numbers 47 and 49; a Public Footpath

(TRX24) which commences between 44 and 46 St Patrick's Road and runs south for 44 metres to connect with St David's Road between property numbers 51 and 49; a Public Footpath (TRX25) which commences between numbers 52 and 54 St Patrick's Road and runs south to its connection with St Andrew's Road between property numbers 53 and 53; a Public Footpath (TRX40) which commences adjacent to 5 St George's Road and runs north for 50 metres to connect with St Andrew's Road adjacent to property number 2; a Public Footpath (TRX41) which commences on St Andrew's Road adjacent to property number 1 and runs north for 52 metres to connect with St Patrick's adjacent to property number 2; a Public Footpath (TRX42) which commences adjacent to number 2 Roseberry Avenue and runs south - south westwards for 21 metres, eastwards for 4 metres to connect with Public Footpath TRX43 then south - south westwards for a further 25 metres to connect with St David's Road adjacent to property number 1; a Public Footpath (TRX43) which commences adjacent to 194 Hereson Road and runs in a westerly direction for 22 metres to connect with Public Footpath TRX42; a Public Footpath (TRX49) which commences adjacent to 54 St Andrew's Road and runs south for 32 metres to connect with St George's Road adjacent to property number 53.

Public Footpath TRX20 which commences adjacent to property number 10 Dumpton Park Drive and runs south easterly then north eastwards, (with a small spur to Francis Gardens), to connect with Winterstoke Way is not added by the effect of this confirmed Order.

Former Excluded Area of Ramsgate – Order No.6 (Public Footpath TRX6 and TRX30) Definitive Map Modification Order 2011.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to add a Public Footpath TRX30 which commences on Madeira Walk and runs southwards negotiating a set of concrete steps (known as Kent Steps) for 14 metres to connect with Kent Place.

Public Footpath TRX6 which commences on Harbour Parade and runs northwards to Madeira Walk is not added by the effect of this confirmed Order.

Copies of both the unmodified and modified Orders, as confirmed, and the Order Maps have been deposited and may be seen free of charge in the Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XX, and at the Offices of the Thanet District Council, Cecil Square, Margate during normal office hours. Copies of the Orders and Maps may be purchased there.

These Orders become operative from the 23rd May 2011 but if a person aggrieved by the Orders desires to question the validity thereof or of any provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of Section 53(3)(b) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, or that any of the requirements of Schedule 15 to the Act have not been complied with in relation to the confirmation of the Orders, he may, under Paragraph 12 of Schedule 15 to the Act within 42 days from the 24th July 2011 make application for the purpose to the High Court.

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Dated: 24th July 2011

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### PROW - Borough of Tunbridge Wells

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER

#### HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

#### WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

#### THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

#### (PUBLIC FOOTPATHS WT297 (PART) & WT299 (PART), BRENCLEY)

#### PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2011

On 14th July 2011, the Kent County Council confirmed the above Order under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to divert the entire width of that length of public footpath numbered WT297, which commences at NGR TQ 6657 3888 (point A) and runs southwards for 149.5 metres to NGR TQ 6657 3873 (point B). (Between points A-B on the Order plan) to a new length of footpath WT297 with a width of 2.0 metres, which commences at the aforementioned point A and runs eastwards for 130 metres, thence southwards for 34.5 metres and thence westwards for 80.0 metres to its connection with the newly numbered footpath WT423 at the aforementioned point C.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is also to divert the entire width of that length of public footpath numbered WT299, which commences at NGR TQ 6649 3871 (point D) and runs north-eastwards for 348.0 metres to NGR TQ 6679 3841 (point C). (Between points A-B-C on the Order plan) to a new length of public footpath numbered WT299 with a width of 2.0 metres, which commences at the aforementioned point D and runs north-north-westwards for 122.0 metres and thence north-eastwards for 134.0 metres to its connection with footpath WT297 at the aforementioned point A.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and the Order Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the offices of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 1RS or at the Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX, during office hours. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

The Order comes into force on 14th July 2011, but if a person aggrieved by the Order wants to question its validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980, as amended, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, as amended, or of any regulation made under the Act which has not been complied with in relation to the Order, he or she may under Paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by Paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within 6 weeks from the 24th July 2011, make an application to the High Court.

**Countryside Access Service  
Kent County Council  
Invicta House, County Hall  
Maidstone  
Kent ME14 1XX**

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from 14.30pm to 16.00pm an infringement which may be dealt with by the issue of a penalty charge notice.

Hubbards Lane, Boughton Monchelsea across the frontage of the Cornwallis School for its entire length. A copy of the proposed Order, statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, a map indicating the location and the effect and a copy of any other Orders which will be amended by the proposed Order may be examined at the Council Offices of Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone during normal opening times.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send your grounds for your observations in writing to the Transport and Development Manager Kent Highway Services, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD by 12 noon on 22 August 2011

### **THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) AMENDMENT TO ORDER 2011**

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL proposes to make the above named Order under sections 1 (a) 2 (i) to (3), 3 (2), 4 (1) and (2), 32 (1), 45, 46, 49, and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act.

The Order will amend the Kent County Council (Borough of Maidstone) Waiting Restrictions Consolidation 2008 Order by introducing no waiting at any time (double yellow lines) on the following lengths of road in Maidstone:

<b>Bazalgette Rise</b>	<b>Both</b>	From a point in line with the junction with Milton Street to a point in line with its junction with Hartnup Street for the entire length.
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A copy of the proposed Order, statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, a map indicating the location and the effect and a copy of any other Orders which will be amended by the proposed Order may be examined at the Council Offices of Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone during normal opening times.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send your grounds for your observations in writing to the Transport and Development Manager Kent Highway Services, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD by 12 noon on 15th August 2011.

### **THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (BAZALGETTE RISE, MAIDSTONE) (ONE WAY) ORDER 2011**

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL proposes to make the above named Order under sections 9 and 10 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with f Schedule 9 to the Act.

The effect of the proposed Order will prohibit any vehicle from travelling south to north on Bazalgette Rise, Maidstone, from the junction with Milton Street to the junction with Hartnup Street

A copy of the proposed Order, statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, a map indicating the location and the effect and a copy of any other Orders which will be amended by the proposed Order may be examined at the Council Offices of Maidstone Borough Council, King Street, Maidstone Kent and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone during normal opening times.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send your grounds for your observations in writing to the Transport and Development Manager Kent Highway Services, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to td.eastkent@kent.gov.uk by 12 noon on 15th August 2011.

### **HIGHWAYS - District of Shepway**

#### **THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, THE DISTRICT OF SHEPWAY) (RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS OF WAITING, LOADING AND UNLOADING) CONSOLIDATION ORDER (AMENDMENT NO 11) ORDER 2011**

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL propose to make the above named Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 45, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order will be:-

Location	Proposal
1 Brockhill Road / Seaton Avenue, Hythe	Double yellow lines at the junction
2 Coolinge Lane / Westbourne Court, Folkestone	Double yellow lines at the junction

Full details are contained in the draft Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Kent Highway Services, Javelin Way.

#### **Ashford, TN24 8DH, between 8.30am and 5.00pm, and at Shepway District Council Offices, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY**

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to Donna Rixson, Transportation Engineer, Kent Highway Services, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to td.eastkent@kent.gov.uk. by noon on 15 August 2011.

#### **THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**

#### **(VARIOUS ROADS, THE DISTRICT OF SHEPWAY) (RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS OF WAITING, LOADING AND UNLOADING) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2010 (AMENDMENT NO 1)**

#### **(VARIOUS ROADS, THE DISTRICT OF SHEPWAY) (PROHIBITION OF STOPPING OUTSIDE OF SCHOOLS) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2010 (AMENDMENT NO 1)**

#### **ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2 and 124 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, has introduced "At Any Time" Waiting Restrictions at various locations within the District of Shepway.

The proposal has removed obstructions caused by parked vehicles at locations where visibility is impaired, thus causing concern about safety. It was therefore considered the most appropriate method to prevent motorists parking in inappropriate locations was by introducing double yellow lines.

Existing School – Keep Clear Markings at various locations within the district have been made enforceable and will be upgraded where appropriate, with signing to remind motorists of the importance of providing clear access to school sites.

The locations subject to "At Any Time" Waiting Restrictions are:

#### **Roads in Folkestone:**

Beatty Road / Wood Avenue  
Harcourt Road / Surrenden Road  
Jointon Road / Shornecliffe Road (A259)  
Langdon Road / Weymouth Road

#### **Roads in Hawkinge:**

Canterbury Road / Harvest Way  
Canterbury Road / Uphill

#### **Roads in Hythe:**

Ashford Road (A20) / Stone Street  
Cobay Close / Twiss Road

#### **Roads in Lyminge:**

Church Road / High Street

#### **Roads in New Romney:**

Craythorne Lane / Rolfe Lane

A copy of the Orders which shall come into operation on Monday 25th July 2011, an explanatory statement and a map showing the extents of the scheme may be inspected during normal office hours at The Kent County Council Offices, Sessions House, County Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX, at Shepway District Council Offices, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY and where possible at local Parish and Town Council Offices.

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in them on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or of any instrument made there under, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Order.

### **HIGHWAYS - District of Swale**

#### **PAINTER'S FORSTAL ROAD, OSPRINGE & CHAMPION COURT ROAD, NEWNHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

#### **THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

For further information, please contact  
Kent Highway Services,  
on 08458 247 800 (local rate)  
or visit [www.kent.gov.uk/highways](http://www.kent.gov.uk/highways)

Because of works to re-waterproof and resurface bridge decks over the M2 Motorway, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Painter's Forstal Road, Ospringe & Champion Court Road, Newnham, as shown below.

#### **PAINTER'S FORSTAL ROAD (WATER LANE), OSPRINGE**

will be closed at the bridge over the M2 Motorway,

from 8 August 2011 for up to 3 weeks.

The alternative route is via Hanslett's Lane,

Well Lane, Faversham Road and Abbot's Hill

#### **CHAMPION COURT ROAD, NEWNHAM**

will be closed at the bridge over the M2 Motorway, from 14 August

2011 for up to 4 weeks.

The alternative route is via Sharsted Hill, The

Street, Faversham Road, and Straight Hill (Homestall

Road).

#### **PERRY WOOD, SELLING (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

#### **THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

#### **AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to provide a new electricity supply, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Perry Wood, Selling, on or after 25 July 2011 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of No.121 (near Monkton Primary School).

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Willets Hill and Collets Hill.

The alternative route is via Willets Hill, A299 Canterbury Road West, Tothill Street and Monkton Road.

#### **PRIORY ROAD, FAVERSHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

#### **THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

#### **AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to provide a new wastewater connection to a property, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Priory Road, Faversham, on or after 8 August 2011 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of Bysing Wood Road / Dark Hill.

The alternative route is via Dark Hill, Davington Hill and Priory Road.

#### **THROWLEY ROAD, THROWLEY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

#### **THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

#### **AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

To enable safe access to the overhead cable network to restore service, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Throwley Road, Throwley, on or after 12 August 2011 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junction with Almhouse Road and a point south of the access leading to Park Farm.

The alternative route is via Throwley Road, Leaveland Belles Forstal, A251 Ashford Road and Baghill Road

#### **VARIOUS ROADS, SITTINGBOURNE (TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

#### **THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

#### **AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

For the safety of the public during gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order to reverse the One-way Traffic Order in respect of Terrace Road, Harold Road and Thomas Road.

This Order takes effect on or after 25 July 2011 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed, and is valid when the appropriate signs are displayed on site.

The effect of the order is that traffic will now flow westbound in Thomas Road, southbound in the section of Harold Road between Thomas Road and Terrace Road, and eastbound in Terrace Road.

There will be No Right Turn from Terrace Road into Murston Road. Traffic will be diverted along Murston Road to the roundabout at the junction with Woodberry Drive.

### **HIGHWAYS - District of Thanet**

#### **DURBAN ROAD, MARGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

#### **THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

#### **AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Durban Road, Margate, on or after 25 July 2011 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed. The alternative route is via Addiscombe Road and College Road.

#### **MONKTON STREET, MONKTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

#### **THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

#### **AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to provide a new wastewater connection to a property, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Monkton Street, Monkton, on or after 25 July 2011 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of No.121 (near Monkton Primary School).

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Willets Hill and Collets Hill.

The alternative route is via Willets Hill, A299 Canterbury Road West, Tothill Street and Monkton Road.

#### **ST PETER'S ROAD, BROADSTAIRS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

#### **THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS**

#### **AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to provide a new waste water connection to a property, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on St Peter's Road, Broadstairs, on or after 25 July 2011 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction with Upton Road.

The alternative route is via St Peter's Road, Green Lane, A255 Broadstairs Road and St Peter's Road.

### **THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**

#### **(VARIOUS ROADS, THANET) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES) (AMENDMENT NO 37) ORDER 2011**

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL propose to make the above named Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 45, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order will be:-

Ethelbert Crescent, Margate: to extend existing prohibition of waiting at any time (double yellow lines) by 3.5 metres in a westerly direction from its junction with Edgar Road, outside Franks nightclub.

Full details are contained in the draft Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Kent Highway Services, Javelin Way

Ashford, TN24 8AD, between 8.30am and 5.00pm, and at Thanet District Council, Cecil Street, Margate, during normal opening times.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to the Traffic Schemes and Member Highway Fund Manager, Kent Highway Services, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to td.eastkent@kent.gov.uk by noon on Monday 15th August 2011

### **HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling and District of Sevenoaks**

#### **THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**

#### **(EGGPIE LANE, HILDENBOROUGH, SCABHARBOUR ROAD, LEIGH, BAILEYS HILL ROAD, CHIDDINGSTONE) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

#### **THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS**

#### **AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**



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### HIGHWAYS - Borough of Ashford

**BEAVER ROAD, ASHFORD  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Beaver Road, Ashford, on or after 25 July 2011 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed. The road will be closed between the junctions with Bond Road and Norman Road.

The alternative route is via Jemmott Road and Bond Road.

**FINN FARM ROAD, KINGSNORTH  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of urgent repairs to the carriageway, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Finn Farm Road, Kingsnorth, on or after 28 July 2011 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed to the west of the bridge over the A2070.

The alternative route is via Church Hill, Ashford Road, Hamstreet Road, Capel Road, Stone Cross Road, Ashford Road and Brockmans Lane.

**THE STREET, MERSHAM  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on The Street, Mersham, on or after Sunday 24 July 2011 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between A20 Hythe Road and Old Rectory Close.

The alternative route is via The Street, Kingsford Street, Highfield Lane and A20 Hythe Road.

Please note this date differs from that initially notified

### HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury

**CHURCH LANE, STURRY  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Church Lane, Sturry, on or after 25 July 2011 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in sections along its length.

There is no alternative route, as Church Lane is a No Through Road. Every effort will be made to maintain access for residents whenever it is safe to do so.

There will only be limited access to The Hamels, as it is also a No Through Road.

**GILES LANE, CANTERBURY  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Giles Lane, Canterbury, on or after 25 July 2011 for up to 10 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in phases from Gorsefield to the junction with University Road.

The alternative route is via A290 Whitstable Road, St Thomas Hill, Whitstable Road, Forty Acres Road, Beaconsfield Road, St Stephen's Hill and Giles Lane.

**GROVE ROAD, WICKHAMBREAUX  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of the installation of a new transformer and road crossing for a new electrical supply, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Grove Road, Wickhambreaux, on or after 25 July 2011 for up to 4 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between Nether Quaives and Kelsey Farms. There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with The List and Green Lane.

The alternative routes are

**North eastwards** (towards Grove) via Wickham Court Lane, Hollybush Lane, Stodmarsh Road and Grove Road.

**South westwards** (towards Wickhambreaux) via Grove Road, The Street, Preston Lane, Preston Road, Preston Hill, High Street, Wingham, A257 Canterbury Road, Nargate Street and Wickham Road.

**A2990 (OLD) THANET WAY, HERNE BAY  
(TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Kent County Council has made an Order restricting traffic on A2990 (Old) Thanet Way, Herne Bay, on or after 26 July 2011, as follows:

- a) To impose a temporary mandatory speed limit of 40 miles per hour
- b) To prohibit overtaking

The section of (Old) Thanet Way affected is between a point 240 metres west of the junction with Westbrook Lane and a point 240 metres east of the junction with Westbrook Lane inclusive.

These restrictions have been introduced for the safety of the public arising from lorry movements into and out of the Household Waste Recycling Centre, and to avoid congestion in Westbrook Lane and Sea Street.

This Order is in effect for an indefinite period, until permanent junction improvements can be introduced.

**STUPPINGTON LANE & RENVILLE FARM ROAD,  
CANTERBURY  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to re-waterproof and resurface bridge decks over the A2, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Stuppington Lane & Renville Farm Road, Canterbury, on or after 31 July 2011 for up to 4 weeks or until the works have been completed.

**STUPPINGTON LANE, CANTERBURY** will be closed from 31 July 2011 for up to 4 weeks.

The alternative route is via Merton Lane, B2068 Nackington Lane, Old Dover Road, Ethelbert Road and South Canterbury Road.

**RENVILLE FARM ROAD, CANTERBURY** will be closed from 31 July 2011 for up to 4 weeks.

The alternative route is via Renville Farm Road, A2050 New Dover Road, A2 New Dover Road on/off slip, Bifrons Hill, Bekesbourne Road and A2050 New Dover Road

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(CANTERBURY)**  
**(TRAFFIC REGULATION AND STREET PARKING PLACES)  
(AMENDMENT NO.4) ORDER 2011**

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL propose to make the above named Order, under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and 4(2), 32(1), 35(1) and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order will be to implement no waiting at any time (double yellow lines) on the entire length of Homersham and at the junctions with Birch Road, Gilbert Way, Scott Avenue and Hollow Lane

Full details are contained in the draft Order which together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined between 9am and 5pm Mondays to Fridays at the Council Offices, Military Road, Canterbury and between 9am and 5pm Mondays to Fridays at Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to The Transportation and Development Manager, East Kent Area, Kent Highway Services, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD.

Or by email to [td.eastkent@kent.gov.uk](mailto:td.eastkent@kent.gov.uk)

By 12 Noon on Monday 15/08/2011.

### HIGHWAYS - District of Dover

**ALBERT ROAD, DEAL  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of the installation of a new transformer and road crossing for a new electrical supply, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Grove Road, Wickhambreaux, on or after 25 July 2011 for up to 4 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between Nether Quaives and Kelsey Farms. There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with The List and Green Lane.

The alternative routes are

**North eastwards** (towards Grove) via Wickham Court Lane, Hollybush Lane, Stodmarsh Road and Grove Road.

## HIGHWAYS

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Albert Road, Deal, on or after 9 August 2011 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junction with Middle Deal Road and the level crossing.

The alternative route is via Albert Road, London Road, West Street and Western Road.

**BRIDGE STREET, DOVER  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Kent County Council has made an Order restricting traffic on A2990 (Old) Thanet Way, Herne Bay, on or after 26 July 2011, as follows:

- a) To impose a temporary mandatory speed limit of 40 miles per hour
- b) To prohibit overtaking

The section of (Old) Thanet Way affected is between a point 240 metres west of the junction with Westbrook Lane and a point 240 metres east of the junction with Westbrook Lane inclusive.

These restrictions have been introduced for the safety of the public arising from lorry movements into and out of the Household Waste Recycling Centre, and to avoid congestion in Westbrook Lane and Sea Street.

This Order is in effect for an indefinite period, until permanent junction improvements can be introduced.

**RUSHAM ROAD, WINGHAM & WATERWORKS HILL,  
LANGDON  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Rusham Road, Wingham & Waterworks Hill, Langdon, as shown below.

**RUSHAM ROAD, WINGHAM** will be closed between the junctions with Nash Road and Beate Lane

From 25 July 2011 for up to 4 days

The alternative route is via Nash Road, A257 Pedding Hill, A257 Roman Road and Beate Lane

**WATERWORKS HILL, LANGDON** will be closed between the junctions with Forge Lane and Winkland Oaks Lane

From 1 August 2011 for up to 2 days

The alternative route is via Forge Lane, Vale Road, Wington Lane and Winkland Oaks Lane

**VARIOUS ROADS, DOVER (RURAL)  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Various Roads, Dover, on or after 8 August 2011 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

**WOOTTON LANE, WOOTTON** will be closed from the junction with Stockham Lane to Selsted Primary School from 8 August for 1 day.

The alternative route is via Stockham Lane, A260 Canterbury Road, Denton Lane and Wootton Lane

**BRIDGE HILL, NORTHBORNE**, will be closed between A258 Deal Road and Burgess Green, from 9 August 2011 for 1 day.

The alternative route is via A258 Deal Road, Burgess Green

**PRESTON HILL, WINGHAM** will be closed near the junction with A257 High Street from 13 August 2011 for up to 2 days.

The alternative route is via A257 Gobury Hill, A257 Roman Road, A257 Pedding Hill, Nash Road, Preston Road, Preston Hill

**B2046 ADISHAM ROAD, WINGHAM** will be closed near the junction with A257 High Street, from 15 August for 1 night

The alternative route is via A257 High Street, Gobury Hill, Roman Road, Ash Bypass, A256 Sandwich Bypass, A256 Eastry Bypass, Whitfield Bypass, A2, B2046 Adisham Road

### HIGHWAYS - Borough of Dartford

**ST MARGARET ROAD, DARTFORD  
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on St Margaret Road, Dartford between Holmesdale Hill and Green Street Green Road.

The Order will become effective on 8th August 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 6 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Gillis Road, Green Street Green Road, Darenth Hill, Roman Villa Road and Holmesdale Hill

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate replacement of gas main.

### HIGHWAYS - District of Maidstone

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE)  
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING)  
AMENDMENT 10 ORDER 2011**

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL proposes to make the above named Order under sections 1 (1) 2 (1) to (3), 3 (2), 4 (1) and (2), 32 (1) 45, 46, 49, and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act,

The Order will amend the Kent County Council (Borough of Maidstone) Waiting Restrictions Consolidation 2008 Order by introducing no waiting at any time (double yellow lines) on the following lengths of road in Maidstone:

<b>Hubbards Lane, Boughton Monchelsea</b>	<b>West</b>	From a point 20m north of its junction with Heath Road for a distance of 41m in a northerly direction
<b>Hubbards Lane, Boughton Monchelsea</b>	<b>East</b>	From a point 29m north of its junction with Heath Road for a distance of 126m in a northerly direction
<b>Heath Road, Boughton Monchelsea</b>	<b>North</b>	From a point in line with the junction of Hubbards Lane in a easterly direction for a distance of 40m
<b>Heath Road, Boughton Monchelsea</b>	<b>North</b>	From a point in line with the junction of Hubbards Lane in a westerly direction for a distance of 32m

A copy of the proposed Order, statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, a map indicating the location and the effect and a copy of any other Orders which will be amended by the proposed Order may be examined at the Council Offices of Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone during normal opening times.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send your grounds for your observations in writing to the Transport and Development Manager Kent Highway Services, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD by 12 noon on 22 August 2011.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE)  
SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR ORDER 2011**

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL proposes to make the above named Orders under sections 1 (1) 2 (1) to (3), 3 (2), 4 (1) and (2), 32 (1) 45, 46, 49, and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act,

The Order is necessary for safety reasons and will make stopping on the 'School Keep Clear' zig zag markings on the following lengths of road from Mondays to Fridays from 8.00am to 9.00am and



For further information, please contact  
Kent Highway Services,  
on 08458 247 800 (local rate)  
or visit [www.kent.gov.uk/highways](http://www.kent.gov.uk/highways)

## PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on the routes described in the Schedule.

The alternative routes as described will be noted in the schedule. Access will be maintained up to the points of closure. The Order will become effective on Monday 25th July 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

### Schedule

**Road Name:** Eggpie Lane, Hildenborough  
**Extent:** 75 metres south of Durhams Farm  
**Dates:** Start: 25th July 2011  
          End: 7th August 2011  
**Diversion:** Scabharbour Road, Philpots Lane  
**Road Name:** Scabharbour Road, Leigh  
**Extent:** 150 metres south of Gaza Trading Estate  
**Dates:** Start: 8th August 2011  
          End: 19th August 2011  
**Diversion:** Eggpie Lane, Philpots Lane, Scabharbour Road. HGV's Philpots Lane, Watts Cross Road, B245 London Road, Morley's Road, Scabharbour Road  
**Road Name:** Baileys Hill Road, Chiddingstone  
**Extent:** 50 metres south of Sharps Cottage  
**Dates:** Start: 9th August 2011  
          End: 11th August 2011  
**Diversion:** Bowzell Green, Bowzells Lane, Bowzell Road, Hale Oak Road, B2027 Penshurst Road, Bore Place Road

Spiecapag UK Ltd apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary to install a steel oil pipeline. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Tom Worley on 01295 220330.

### HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tunbridge Wells

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(PENSHURST ROAD, SPEDHURST)**  
**(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Penshurst Road from the junction of Northfields to Milford House on or after Monday 25th July 2011 for a period of up to 4 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Penshurst Road, Poundsbridge Lane, B2176 Penshurst Road, Barden Road, Northfields.

For further information, please contact  
 Kent Highway Services,  
 on 08458 247 800 (local rate)  
 or visit [www.kent.gov.uk/highways](http://www.kent.gov.uk/highways)

Southern Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for gas mains replacement. Should you require any further information for these works, please contact John Adsley on 07774 983419.

### THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

**(SHEFFIELD ROAD, SOUTHBOROUGH)**  
**(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Sheffield Road between Draper Street and Castle Street on or after Monday 25th July 2011 when required for a period of up to 4 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via Draper Street, Pennington Road, Castle Street.

UK Power Networks Ltd and Southern Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary for electrical maintenance works and a new gas supply. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact for UKPN is Scott Davis on 01732 783986 and SGN is Amy Colvin on 01689 881315.

### THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

**(WAGON LANE, LEVEL CROSSING, PADDOCK WOOD)**  
**(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Wagon Lane at the level crossing on or after Saturday 30th July 2011 for a period of up to 2 nights between 23.00hrs and 04.00hrs or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Wagon Lane, Queen Street, Lucks Lane, B2160 Maidstone Road, Wagon Lane.

Network Rail apologise for any inconvenience caused, which is necessary for examination of the rails, lifting, repairing and packing the rails, maintenance of crossing surface and signage. Should you require any further information for these works, please contact Emma Osborne on 07791 179882.

Katherine Kerswell  
 Group Managing Director  
 Invicta House  
 County Hall,  
 Maidstone  
 Kent ME14 1XQ

Dated 23rd July 2011

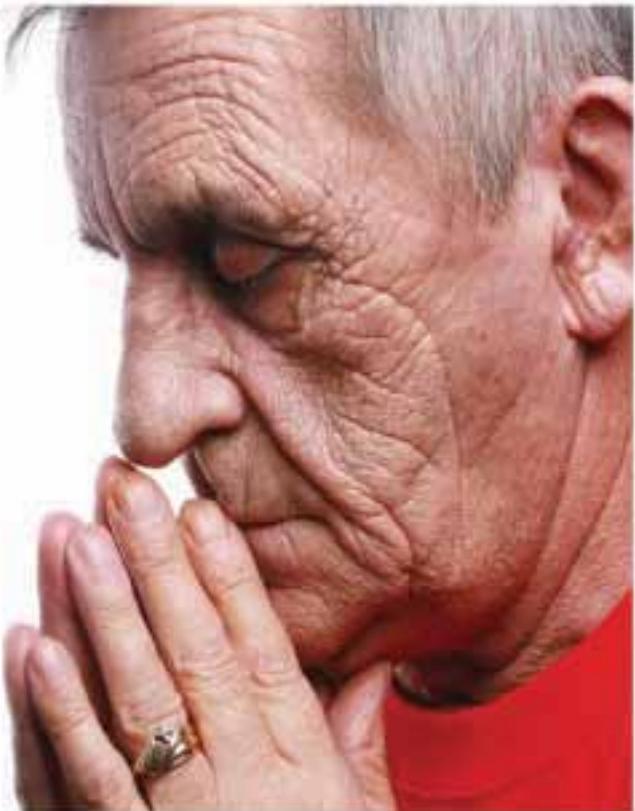


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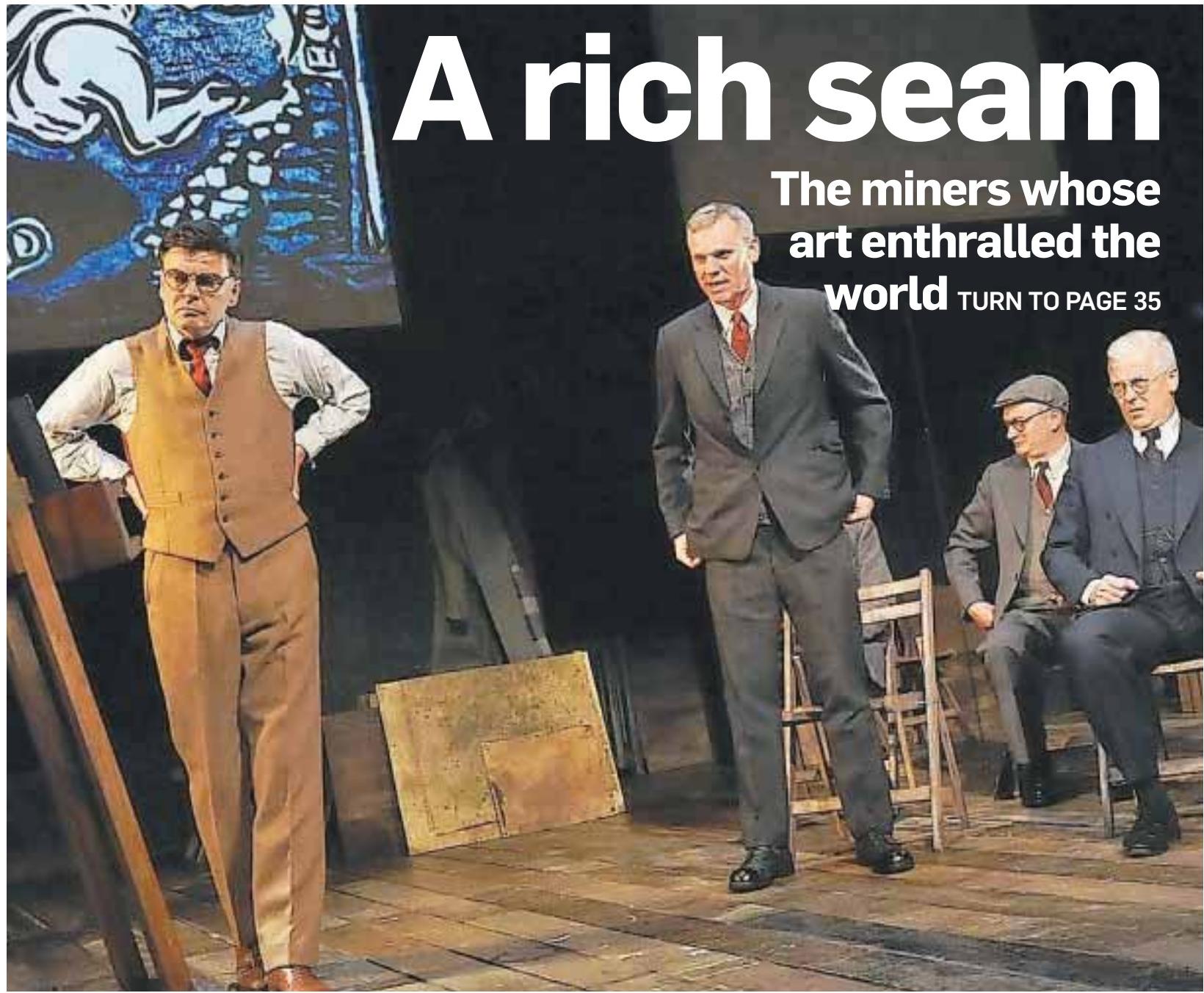


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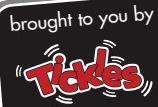
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## THE INTERVIEW

# The hits from the pits

The story of the artist miners who thrilled the world is put on stage, writes **Ed Hill**

**T**HE Pitmen Painters, which comes to the Assembly Hall Theatre in September, has proved a huge hit despite humble beginnings.

The play tells the story of a group of miners living in the town of Ashington, Northumberland, in the 1930s. The men hired a professor to teach them art appreciation at an evening class and soon began to paint themselves. Within a few years, some of the most avant-garde artists became their friends and their work was acquired for prestigious collections. Despite this, they continued to work down the mines.

The play is written by Lee Hall, famous for *Billy Elliot*. It was originally staged as the celebration to the reopening of the tiny Live Theatre in Newcastle, where Hall had begun his playwriting career.

A vital member of the team that staged the production was stage designer Gary McCann.

He said: "The terrific thing about the process was that Lee was very inclusive in terms of developing the play, so he would send me drafts of scenes so I could think about them visually right from the beginning."

McCann had the challenge of working in the 150-seat black-box theatre but was inspired by the visual possibilities of the miners' artwork.

He said: "We didn't want a very decorative look to the set with flown-in windows and backdrops – we wanted the production to look raw, like the topic it was dealing with.

"We created a kind of backstage setting with black brickwork, metal beams, concrete lintels, metal shutters and reclaimed timber for the floor. Then we had three pull-down screens like a lecturer would use on which we project the paintings. It is very simple, like the paintings they created."



As the play progresses, more and more colour is brought to the stage by the artists' work.

McCann said: "The artwork they produced was wonderful and quite moving. You have a snapshot of a community that to our modern life seems quite alien now – the unbelievable hardship of the labour involved in their work, crawling around on their hands and knees all day long down the pit in utter pitch-black.

"Yet the pictures show enchanting scenes of family life and they exhibited a real passion for their art and were very professional in the way they approached it."

The play was a success and was taken up by the National Theatre, where it was staged at its Cottesloe and Lyttleton stages. It then had a run in Broadway and Vienna. McCann has had to adapt the design each time, including for the production now touring the UK.

He said: "The whole thing is a sort of Frankenstein's monster put together from the venues we have played in. As we have moved from venue to venue we have acquired more elements, but the most important thing is that it is a comedy – and comedy works better in an intimate space. Even if we have been in large

venues, I have tried to keep that feel."

The designer says the success of the play is due to its wide appeal.

"I think the play works for people on different levels. In one way it is an old-fashioned comedy rather like Dad's Army with a lot of slapstick and character-based jokes, but if you enjoy art and you can see the political perspective of the play you can like it in that way as well. It is a testament to Lee's writing that he has very carefully put it together," he said.

He also says the play has an important point to make about the role of art in people's lives and what they can achieve.

He said: "I think the play is increasingly relevant if you think about what is happening in education and tuition fees. I came from a working-class background in Northern Ireland myself. I would have thought twice if I knew I had to come up with huge fees before going to university."

McCann also works extensively in the world of opera and his latest project is a production with Andrew Lloyd Webber's son, Nicholas, based on the classic children's story *The Little Prince*.

He says it is an exciting time to be working in stage design, with more and more technology available.

"Obviously in theatre we can't compete with the budgets that TV or film has, so audiences want to see an imaginative flair and be surprised and challenged by what is possible. Theatre does imagination and inventiveness very well. Technology needs to be integrated in a sensitive way. It is a difficult balance because you do not want the design to outshine the play itself," McCann said.

After the tour, *The Pitmen Painters* will be returning to a theatre in the West End.

McCann said: "It does not seem to run out of steam – none of us imagined when we first staged it in this tiny theatre in Newcastle that it would grow into what it has become.

"The ironic thing is that it is the most successful production I have worked on and yet it is one of my simpler designs, but it is there to help to tell the story."

■ **The Pitmen Painters** is at the Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells, from Monday to Saturday, September 5-10. Visit [www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk](http://www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk) for details.

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**STANDING TALL:** The Ashington artist miners became friends with some of the art world's most famous names, but they kept working down the mines

# TALKING POINT

# Trades Unions

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**T**HE so-called 'Winter of Discontent', as anyone who lived through it can attest, was not a pleasant time for the millions of British people who were affected by industrial action by the powerful trade unions.

With gravediggers and binmen among the public sector workers who went on strike in late 1978/early 1979, ordinary people were left to put up with the stench of uncollected rubbish and the fear that dead relatives might instead be buried at sea rather than a cemetery.

The unrest was a result of the then-Labour government's attempt to control inflation by imposing rules on the public sector that pay rises be kept below five per cent, as an example to the private sector.

Fast-forward more than 30 years and the UK finds itself in a similar situation, with the trade unions threatening a prolonged spell of industrial action in protest at the Coalition's programme of spending cuts and pension reforms.

The difference this time, however, is that thanks to Margaret Thatcher – whose victory in the 1979 general election was largely due to predecessor James Callaghan's failure to control the strike action – the unions have far less power today than they did back in the 1970s.

"There are a lot more difficulties in terms of the laws that shackle us, and they've hardly changed at all over the years," said Richard Ascough, regional secretary for the GMB.

"That's affected our ability to take industrial action because it's a legal minefield out there now. The right to take industrial action is part of any free society but if you go on strike then technically you're in breach of your contract, and it's about time that changed."

"It's more difficult anyway to influence a Conservative-led government's policy, but I think you'll find that by the end of the year they will have modified their pension reform plans and that will be a result for us."

Legalised in 1871, the trade union movement sought to reform socio-economic conditions for working men in British industries.

Some 13 million workers were members of a union at the time of the Winter of Discontent, but that figure has fallen to about seven million since the Thatcher era.

But despite introducing new legislation that made it more difficult for workers to go on strike, the 'Iron Lady' was unable to stop them completely.

Her decision to close coal pits throughout the country in 1984 signalled the beginning of the end of the age-old coal mining industry, but the tens of thousands of miners who eventually lost their jobs refused to go down without a fight.

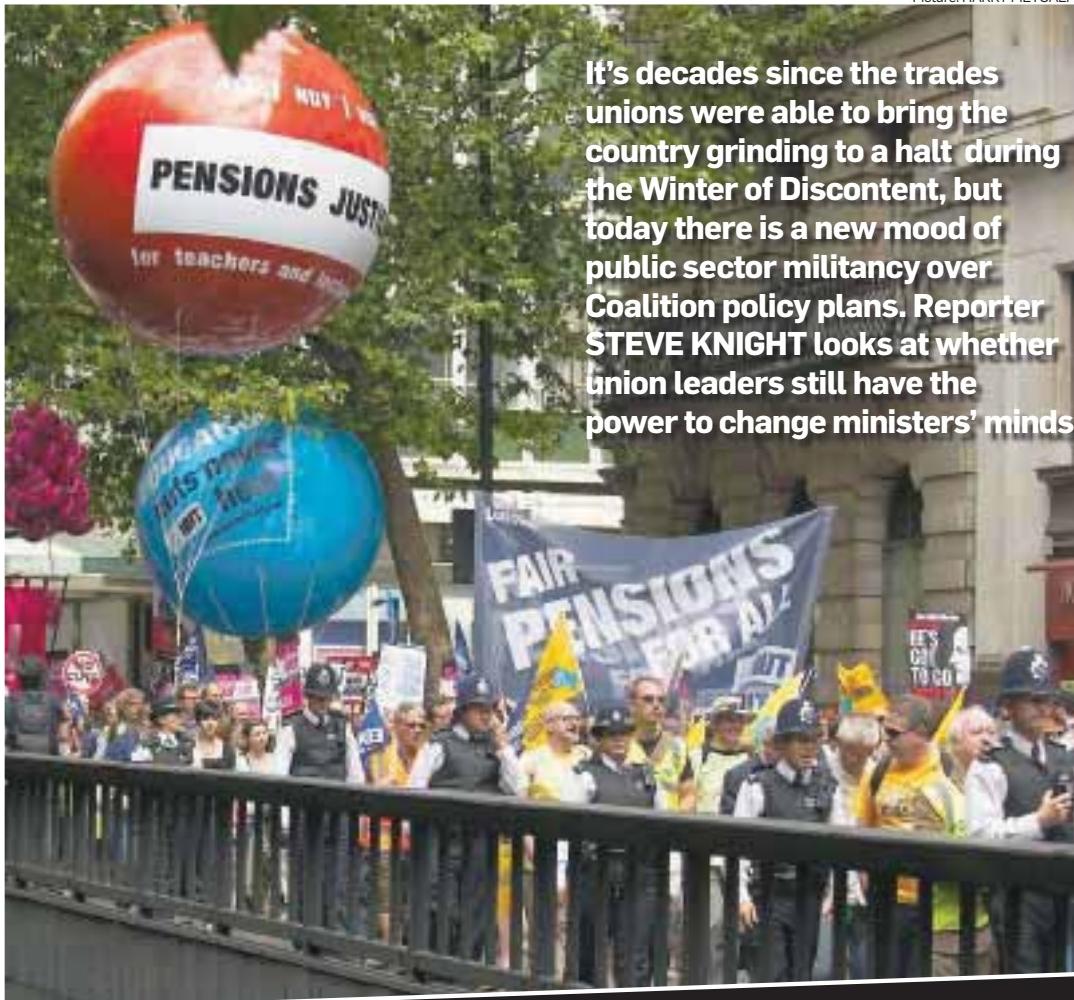
And fight they did, as walk-outs, flying pickets and violence between protesters and the police became all-too familiar sights at locations across the country.

As the Kent secretary for the National Union of Teachers John Walder explains, the role of unions in such disputes is no less important today.

"They play the same role that they have for many years, and that's to represent the interests of their members," he said. "The fact there are far fewer members than before doesn't actually take away from that because the unions still do a crucial job for them."

"Trade unions get a very bad press generally. We will always be branded as dangerous revolutionaries but despite that, the feedback we've received about the pensions issue has been pretty good. I wouldn't ever pretend that's always the case but with this particular issue we may have struck a chord."

Mr Walder was among a crowd of up to



**It's decades since the trades unions were able to bring the country grinding to a halt during the Winter of Discontent, but today there is a new mood of public sector militancy over Coalition policy plans. Reporter STEVE KNIGHT looks at whether union leaders still have the power to change ministers' minds**

**PROTEST:**  
Teachers and other public sector workers took to the streets earlier this year, and union leaders are confident they can change the Coalition's plans for pension reform

## DO TRADES UNIONS STILL MATTER IN 2011?

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**We will always be branded as dangerous revolutionaries, but with the pensions issue I think we may have struck a chord with the public**

**JOHN WALDER, KENT SECRETARY FOR THE NATIONAL UNION OF TEACHERS**

500,000 who protested through London in March to demonstrate their anger at the spending cuts and pension reforms.

The mass rally was organised by the Trades Union Congress (TUC) and promoted at a county level by a collaboration of 10 of the UK's biggest trade unions known collectively as Kent – Save Our Services.

NUT members also took part in a one-day strike last month, angry at being asked to work longer and pay more for pensions worth tens of thousands of pounds less in the long run.

Mr Walder said: "This particular government has been doing lots of U-turns recently, and we're only at the beginning of the current argument about pensions so there's no reason why we should not see a considerable change in the Government's stance."

"I don't think anyone would entertain the illusion that going on a one-day strike will change ministers' minds, but there's an ongoing campaign and we have every hope of making our point and forcing changes to the Government's pension plan."

"The right to withdraw your labour is a fundamental democratic right that was struggled for over the generations. Lots of

people don't seem to remember or understand what has gone on before, and it's the same situation with people who don't bother to vote in elections."

Last week viewers and listeners tuning in to BBC news programmes found disruption to the breakfast shows owing to a 24-hour strike by journalists.

The industrial action was organised by the National Union of Journalists (NUJ) in response to a planned programme of compulsory redundancies at BBC World Service and BBC Monitoring.

But as Mr Ascough from the GMB pointed out, the role of a trade union is about more than civil unrest and balloting their members about how and when they go on strike.

"Unions still play a vital role and are quite clearly still a large player in society today," he said.

"We don't have the membership we did 20 years or more ago but we still represent somewhere between six and seven million people. There's also clear evidence that if you're a member of a union then you will do better than people who are not members when it comes to things like pay and the terms and conditions of your contract."

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**ORNAMENT:** An Anglo-Saxon hare brooch discovered at the site of Ebbsfleet International train station

## High-speed digs reveal history's buried secrets

**Mathew Beech**

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THE construction of the High Speed 1 (HS1) line from St Pancras to the Channel Tunnel created the opportunity for Britain's largest ever archaeological excavation.

The building of the track and the archaeological excavation along the route went hand in hand, throwing up some amazing finds from across the ages.

Two of the most significant finds from the project occurred at the Ebbsfleet station site – a tusk from a 400,000-year-old prehistoric elephant, and a Saxon age watermill, which was reserved in the waterlogged soil.

Rachel Starling, from HS1 Ltd, who oversaw the archaeological and environment projects, was surprised to come across the remains of the elephant.

She said: "At Ebbsfleet, nothing had been found previously by archaeologists in exploratory digs, so when we found the elephant it was quite unexpected.

"As soon as we saw something, the whole digging came to a stop and an excavation team went in."

"Due to the significance of the elephant, we had to engage with specialists."

"For me, the tusk was the most exciting because it was the largest animal we found and it also speaks the loudest because, who has seen an elephant in England not in a zoo? But here is proof that hundreds of thousands of years ago, elephants were roaming through Kent."

"It is really hard to get your head around."

The elephant tusk is now going to go on display at the Natural History Museum in London. The Ebbsfleet excavations also



**UNEARTHED:** Left, excavation work at a double burial of an early Bronze Age man and a woman, in the Whitehill Road area near Gravesend; and right, excavation of the elephant tusk at Ebbsfleet



came across the well preserved ruins of an Anglo-Saxon water mill.

The find was another from the project that had not been expected.

Mrs Starling said: "We knew of the river and that there had been activity around it, but in the waterlogged ground were the well preserved Anglo saxon timbers."

"They now have to be kept in a waterlogged environment."

"The discovery was so exciting that we stopped the work and opened up to the public for the weekend so they could all see what we had found."

"When you went to different sites you never knew what you would find."

Along the route, which the high-speed trains now travel along, archaeologists also unearthed Neolithic longhouses near Aylesford, mummified cats at Brockton Farm house near Charing heath, evidence of World War Two defences near

Ashfield, an Iron Age gated settlement at Beechbrook Wood, and three Bronze age graveyards at Saltwood, which included a number of items of jewellery.

The remains of a Roman villa were also discovered in Thurnham, and the burial site of a baby, which puzzled the historians and archaeologists, because the Romans did not bury their dead infants in this way.

This led them to presume that it was the body of the child of significant and important parents.

Mrs Starling added: "There has never been an archaeological project of this scale ever undertaken in the UK."

"The findings have undoubtedly provided a lasting legacy and the approach has set the standard for further major infrastructure projects."

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# Family values still holding court after all these years

**W**ALLETT'S Court near St Margaret's Bay has been entertaining guests for more than 30 years. The ancient farmhouse can trace its roots back to the Domesday Book, but by 1976 it was in a sad state of decay. It was then that Michelin-starred chef Chris Oakley and his family moved in.

His son Gavin said: "There was no roof and it was just about to fall down when they rescued it. I was a child at the time, so it was a great playground to grow up in."

Chris Oakley had trained with the famous Roux Brothers in London. At that time he was head chef at one of their restaurants in the City of London and was commuting on the train.

Gavin said: "He would leave at 5am and not get back until late in the evening. My mother, Lea, who had been a teacher, actually did a lot of the renovation work. The restaurant really started off the back of her deciding to do bed-and-breakfast.

"Someone met my dad on the train and asked if he would do a dinner here for them. As it was a Saturday night, he was able to do it. It was just an organic beginning to the whole thing."

The restaurant established itself due to Chris's reputation, but the rest of the family had to muck in to help.

Gavin said: "I grew up in the kitchen. I then worked for Albert and Michel Roux in London, but kitchen work was not really for me. I moved to front of house and then came back here with my dad still in the kitchen and me working in the restaurant – that's how it evolved."

Gavin took over the business in the 90s, while his father continued to cook.

"We steadily grew and got three AA rosettes and Michelin ratings – our success has come from a lot of hard toil," he said.

Thirty years down the line, Gavin is still keen to build on the historic foundations of Wallett's Court, which can name Edward I's wife and Pitt the Younger as former residents.

Gavin has added a spa where guests can

Venue that traces history back to Domesday Book builds a legacy based on the drive for excellence



## STEEPED IN HISTORY:

Wallett's Court can trace its roots back to the Domesday Book and, right, new head chef Ryan Tasker has just produced the latest summer menu.

stay to have treatments and, aside from the 17 rooms, guests can stay in tepees in the grounds.

But it is still the food that is the hotel's biggest attraction. New head chef Ryan Tasker has just produced the latest summer menu.

He said: "We wanted to celebrate British cuisine. Our produce comes from within 15 miles. We use a lot of seasonal ingredients during the summer and that's when we get some of the freshest produce."

The Scotsman has worked in numerous kitchens around the country but came to Kent when the gastro-pub phenomenon took off. He then became a senior sous chef at Michael Caines's ABoe in Canterbury.

His menu at Wallett's Court changes every season and staff welcome diners from around Kent, not just guests staying at the hotel.

Ryan said: "I start from scratch when I create a new menu. Using local ingredients, you can really show what you can do as a chef."

Chris Oakley, meanwhile, still has some input in what goes on in the kitchen.

Ryan said: "It would be mad to ignore someone who has more than 40 years' experience. Our key words are simple: British and delicious."

It looks like the Oakley name will be a long chapter in Wallett's Court's history. Gavin's eldest daughter is now working in the business.

He said: "We are the same people we were 30 years ago, striving to produce excellence. It's nice to think we may have a bit of a legacy. We have great staff here. It is consistency, continuity and value that count for everything."

## Even my friend the chef was impressed when he turned diner

ON OFFICIALLY the hottest day for five years, my chef friend and I decided it was time to get out of the sun and head for a meal worthy of the glorious sunshine.

Our destination was the Old Coach & Horses at Harbledown, just a stone's throw from Canterbury.

Nestled on a winding road through the village, the building has been modernised and doubles as both a restaurant and a lovely-looking pub.

The shiny wooden floors and neat bar are complemented by the old beams and blackboard menu, which give the place a rustic feel.

There are two dining areas; one is past the bar and down a short set of stairs, while the other is a larger room upstairs which gives way to a terrace and garden area. We chose the former in a bid to keep the sunburn under wraps.

## RESTAURANT Review



We were served our drinks at the bar and ushered us towards the giant blackboard to choose our meals before taking our seats.

I opted for the home-cured salmon with watercress and egg (£6.50), while my guest went for the smoked-

mackerel fillet with honey mustard potato salad (£5.75).

The fresh, cool fish cuts were perfect on a hot day, served with a slice of lemon and a bed of leaves for an extra fresh and clean flavour.

I was assured that my guest's starter was just as top-notch as mine.

The perfect size of the starter allowed for the prompt arrival of the main course. I went with the duck breast on duck hash cake with black pepper, brandy and cream sauce (£14.50).

My chef friend went for the braised shoulder of lamb with onion puree and rosemary sauce (£13.50). Both were again presented simply but excellently.

The duck was cooked medium without a hint of dryness and was complemented superbly by the hash cake, which was similar to a large hash brown mixed with confit leg meat. My

friend's slow-cooked lamb shoulder lived up to his high standards of working in a Michelin-star restaurant.

Each dish was served with seasonal vegetables, butter and black pepper.

Satisfied with our choices, desserts were almost an afterthought, although I chose a chocolate and Bailey's torte (£5). I had just enough room left to fit in a generous helping of this thick and sweet dessert. Lovely!

The phone rang several times as customers secured bookings, testament to how popular The Old Coach & Horses has become... on this form it should enjoy a successful future.

**Joe Bill**

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### Egerton

EGERTON farmers' market has now been trading every Friday from 2pm to 4.30pm for almost five years, with most of the original stallholders still selling at the market in the Millennium Hall. It is extremely popular and offers a wide range of local produce at competitive prices.

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### Sissinghurst

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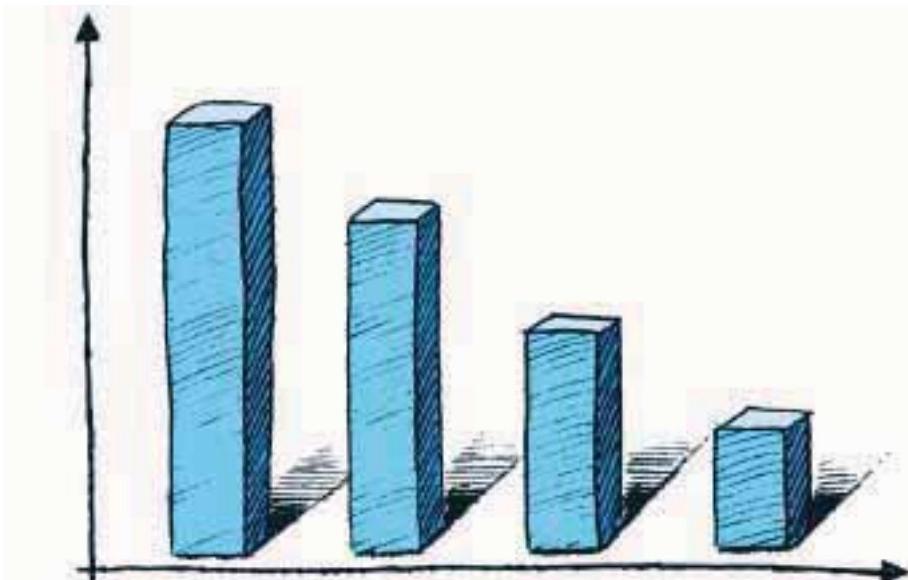
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phone 01227 712111  
[www.wildwoodtrust.org](http://www.wildwoodtrust.org)

WILDWOOD has an amazing new play park for children this summer. Recently expanded and improved, the Tree Tops adventure play zone is stacked full of exciting attractions that will keep parents' little ones entertained all day. The centrepiece of the play area is the Tree Top Drop, a 27ft free-fall drop-slide which tests participants' courage. The tallest slide of its kind in Kent, it's an amazing experience that children will want to enjoy again and again. Other features include the Wild Fort with tree-top towers, Kent's biggest twisting-tube slide, zip-wire, swings and climbing frames. The park forms part of Wildwood, where you can come nose to nose with Britain's most exciting wildlife.



## Taste of style Swanky cars and balloons

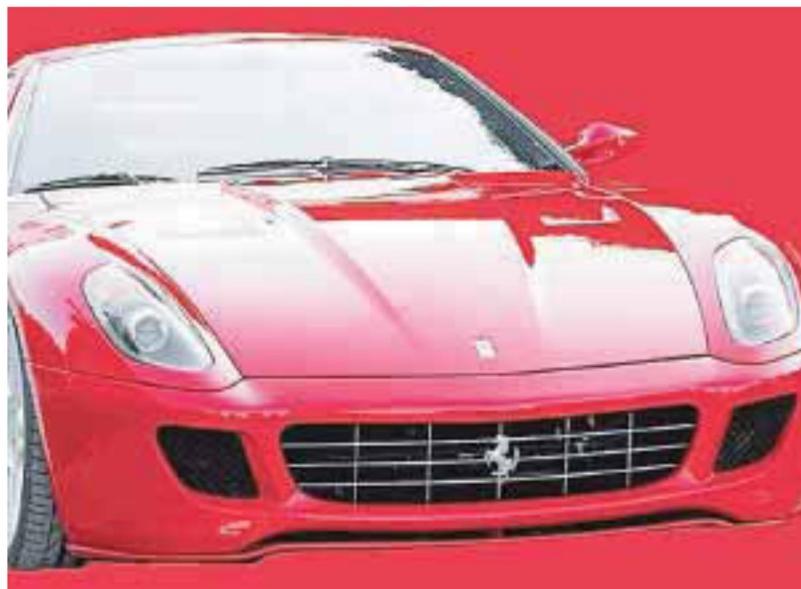
**Groombridge Place,  
near Tunbridge Wells**

Sunday, July 31  
[www.groombridge.co.uk](http://www.groombridge.co.uk)

GET a taste of the high life at Groombridge Place when millions of pounds' worth of sleek, gleaming Ferraris and romantic hot-air balloons arrive for one of the most exciting events in the venue's

calendar. Visitors will be able to take a close look at some of the most iconic and rarest cars in the world... an opportunity not to be missed by any car fan. The glamorous lifestyle continues with the hot-air balloons that will be tethered in the grounds from 1pm; visitors can talk to the pilots, who will explain how the balloons are inflated, flown and landed. A collection of Ducati bikes will be on show, plus there will be an opportunity for visitors to experience the art of fencing. Demonstrations and

workshops will be held on the Draughtsman's Lawn in the 17th-century formal gardens, where The Draughtsman's Contract was filmed in 1986. As well as the displays, Katie Bird, Kent's finest soprano singer, who has just landed a job with the English National Opera, will entertain visitors with Italian opera in the gardens during the afternoon. Guy Portelli will be exhibiting some of his incredible sculptures, which have resulted in Dragon's Den's Peter Jones, James Caan and Theo Paphitis becoming passionate about his art.



## Sculpture Fine art in fine gardens

**Godinton House,  
Ashford**

phone 01233 643854  
[www.godinton-house-gardens.co.uk](http://www.godinton-house-gardens.co.uk)

THIS summer sees another exciting sculpture show in the gardens of Godinton House. The show focuses on sculptors from the South East but also brings in new artists each year with a huge variety of work. This year there will be 17 artists showing some 80 pieces in a multitude of materials.

The sculptures are displayed throughout the 12 acres of fabulous gardens, including a trail through the wild garden, where mature trees, swaying grasses and the reflections of a large pond make the perfect backdrop. It makes a great afternoon out. Children can run ahead and discover new pieces around every corner. The works are on sale, with pieces for any garden. Head gardener Viv Hunt said: "We love to welcome new artists here each year. The sculptures bring the gardens alive and make us look at our surroundings with fresh eyes." The gardens are open daily from 2pm-5.30pm. Entrance is £5 for adults and free for children. The exhibition runs until Sunday, August 7.



## Happy faces and dancing Mini V Festival

**The Boating Pool,  
Royal Esplanade, Ramsgate**  
Saturday and Sunday, July 30-31  
[www.theboatingpool.co.uk](http://www.theboatingpool.co.uk)

LIVE bands will be playing on a specially-built stage in the middle of the pool, with featured acts including Georgie, Breed, Funke & The Two Tone Baby and Open Harp Surgery. An eclectic mix of local talent is promised, along with boating and walking-on-

## Smock mill Take part in a guided tour

**Stelling Minnis windmill and museum**

Sundays and bank holidays, 2pm-5pm  
01227 709238

STELLING Minnis windmill is known as a black smock mill. It was built in 1866 and worked up until 1970, when restoration was begun by Kent County Council. Now the windmill is run and maintained by volunteers and a charitable trust. The mill is powered by a 1912 Ruston and Hornsby oil engine, and there are grinding demonstrations. Entry is by voluntary donation. Stelling Minnis windmill and museum is open on Sundays and bank-holiday afternoons at 2pm-5pm, from Easter to the end of September, for guided tours and cream teas. The mill is just off the B2068 Canterbury-Hythe Road. For more information and to book a tour, phone 01227 709238.

waterboards for everyone's enjoyment. Sunday will see a hog roast and both days have food and craft stalls, with a funfair, face-painting, bouncy castle and balloon magic. A Boating Pool spokesman said: "The Mini V music festival is our big event of the year. With a choice of live music from only the best local bands, this is a unique family event you can't miss. "The music runs until 8pm both days and there is so much for the family to do. Make sure you bring your happy faces and dancing shoes." There is a bar and restaurant and music starts at 1pm. Entry is free.

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(T&C's below)

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BRIGHT bubbly chatty brunette with lots to offer to the right person looking for new love who will appreciate a real woman. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371579

ATTRACTIVE petite oriental female with no ties WLM nice respectable man for a loving relationship. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371577

CONFIDENT cultured lady, 39, very attractive, slim and fit seeks mature male, 45-56yrs for wiring, dining and more. ACA. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371575

36YR old professional, blue eyes, blonde, smiley, OHAC/WLM special guy for nights in with lots of cuddles and love. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371549

ATTRACTIVE slim blonde who enjoys the simple life sees understanding older male for fun casual relationship/WLM friendly initially, maybe more. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371547

SICK of always taking life so seriously, looking for uncomplicated fun times with happy outgoing male. ACA. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371545

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30YR old beautiful blonde with lovely green eyes looking for uncomplicated love and romance with a dark haired male. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368903

ATTRACTIVE slim 50y old female, seeks N/S companion, 52-60 to share countryside, walking, swimming, days out, holidays etc. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369178

34YR old single mum of 2, size 16, caring, cuddly, seeks genuine, loving male with GSOH. Ashford. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368268

FED up with lonely nights in! 33y old brunette with green eyes WLM someone to relax for related relationship with man, 20-38yrs. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370091

22YR old leggy blonde, seeking like minded man for lots of fun times. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368909

LADY 56, semi disabled, size 18, seeking a caring, loving, honest gent, 50 plus. Kent. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365453

48YR old female, 5ft 5ins, medium build, likes animals, nights out, holidays, coast, seeks male, 48-50, preferably a smoker for LTR. Maidstone. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365955

LYNNN slim, scatty blonde, mid 50s, looking for some fun and company. Margate. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368426

SOCIABLE cuddly 70s lady, GSOH, N/S, likes cinema, days out, coast, seeks genuine male for friendship. Ashford. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369297

I'M Gorgeous, lively seeking a similar professional who thinks he can handle me, good times guaranteed. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369223

STUNNING blonde nurse, 32, funny and romantic, WLM uncomplicated, reliable male, 50-65yrs for companionship/and more. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369221

JACQUELINE 48, medium build, likes night in/out, seeks male, 40-58 for friendship, maybe more. Maidstone. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370747

ACTIVE slim female 30yrs, easygoing, honest with GSOH and a partner for life looking for genuine man to fall for, 25-50yrs. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370097

CAROLINE size 16, seeks kind, honest, loving gent, 45 plus for LTR. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371099

LONELY Fokstone lady, 57, 5ft 1ins, medium build, N/S, seeks caring, considerate male for the sea and pubs. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370677

AFRICAN female likes cooking, travel seeks male for fun and friendship. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365507

ACADEMIC man sought by female, recent graduate, into art, history, psychology, likes unusual activities as well as London art galleries and walks. Birrmy. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368001

DONNA 47, bubbly, caring, loving, seeks genuine, loving guy. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370863

VERY good looking Turkish female looking to make 29-45 for friend fun. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370183

ACTIVE solvent female with GSOH looking to start life again but this time is a lot more adventurous, care to join me? Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370177

CONFIDENT fun female bored of spending time alone, looking for fun man to share lots of laughs and good times. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370172

SINGLE confident black female 32yrs, very attractive, loves doing fun and interesting things, seeking a real man. Any race/gender. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363415

FUN female 35yrs looking to let her hair down seeks easygoing N/S guy for a relationship. 30-35. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366099

MISS Gorgeous, 5ft 8ins black beauty, curly like a laugh, happy go lucky, seeks male for fun times. Hackney. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365861

ATTRACTIVE and any man's dream seeks, outgoing, professional male for evenings in and fun nights out. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366703

CUTE very curly young girl, 18, WLM romantic guy for lots of fun and loving. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366999

MAIDSTONE lady, pretty, petite, late 50's honest, caring, N/S, loves life and most things, seeks nice guy for friendship/companionship. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366901

SLIM attractive, elegant female, likes eating, restaurants, cinema, sees caring, male 45-55 for friendship, possibly relationship. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367851

ELIZABETH caring, honest, reliable, likes most things, seeks older gent, late 70's for friendship, maybe more. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365989

PAT 70s, 5ft, cuddly, seeks male for friend ship and days out. Ashford. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364237

ATTRACTIVE mature, outgoing Caribbean female, seeks interesting companion for socialising, good conversation and glass of wine. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367799

YOUNG 60 something female looking for friendship only with likeminded ladies for meals out, nights out and holidays. Feltham. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367625

ISABELLE lovely lady, genuine, honest, loving, caring, 68, N/S, not drinker, slightly disabled, WLM male for love, companion, maybe more. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367921

AFFECTIONATE female seeks warm hearted kind guy, if he exists, for good conversation, fun times and laughs. 40-67yrs Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367623

PETITE female, slim, attractive, blonde hair, green eyes, GSOH, romantic, likes sports, runs out, meals, seeks honest, kind male. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369193

BETH young minded widow, 65, 5ft 5ins, happy size 14, N/S, many interests, seeks sincere, honest gent for friendship who might admit to some acting bones. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364249

CARING young skint blonde, seeks someone to share doing things with, at theatre, dancing and perhaps rights in. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359761

ATTRACTIVE lady, seeks kind, sensible male for romance and possibly love. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360159

LYNN slim, scatty blonde, mid 50's, looking for fun and company. Margate. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386426

CARING female, 64, blonde hair, blue eyes, 5ft 4ins, medium build, seeks male, 60-70 for friendship, maybe more. Kent. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369593

SUSIE 5ft 7ins, blonde, seeks educated attractive male for loving relationship. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385476

34YR old blonde new to the area, seeking younger guy for fun times maybe more. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362669

SALLY petite, confident lady, happy go lucky, likes dancing, walks, TV, seeks male/soul mate for friendship, maybe more. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362669

36YR old female looking for mutual com panionship with understanding man stuck in a similar rut. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364331

30YR old Brunette fit, feminine, attractive, free, single and looking for lover with similar fun loving guy. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365075

36YR old female looking for mutual com panionship with understanding man stuck in a similar rut. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364331

GORGEOUS lonely 3s, 45, looking for some romantic liaisons with younger male looks important, no chances. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364415

MARY 60, good for age, GSOH, likes cooking, meals out, looking for some fun company, possible romance. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364357

TINKERBELL seeks Peter Pan, I'm 36, 5ft 3ins, size 8-10 and am looking for a tall strong man, let me be your sparkie back into life. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361575

ATTRACTIVE warm, blonde female, European, 49, seeks honest, generous male, 40-50, who will take care of me. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364277

SINGLE 50 plus female, seeks male who likes talks, walks, dining and dancing. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364975

49YR old lady, honest, sincere, easygoing, likes a laugh, looking for love. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359059

LORINA 66, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364237

42YR old female, likes music, dancing, writing, astrology, cats, seeks male with GSOH and similar age. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365157

LOOKING for my soul mate, 57, lonely, caring, affectionate, likes a drink in good company, 5ft 5ins, hazel eyes, seeks someone to share life with. Is that you? Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365171

ELIZABETH caring, honest, reliable, likes most things, seeks older gent, late 70's for friendship, maybe more. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365172

SLIM attractive, elegant female, likes eating, restaurants, cinema, sees caring, male 45-55 for friendship, possibly relationship. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367851

LADY 50, single, enjoys nights in/out, cinema, travel, country walks, sees friends, sincere honest, 49-69 for friendship, maybe more. Kent/Sussex. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361005

42YR old female, medium build, good looking, likes most things, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363331

PATRONISING woman, slim, black, widow, 39, energetic, seeks white, sober male for LTR. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363969

49YR old lady, honest, sincere, easygoing, likes a laugh, looking for love. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359721

OUTGOING sincere fit fine lady WLM talk, caring interesting male 70's to share life's adventure. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 357959

ATTRACTIVE slim single mum, 44, seeks similar male 40-50, caring, loving and loyal, are you? Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334393

38YR old male, medium build, grey hair, blue eyes, seeks female for fun times. Maidstone. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386614

55YR old handsome gent seeks young at heart mature lady for days out, shopping and good conversation. Kent. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384257

MALE 49, seeks female for fun string fun times, 56-88. Kent. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371573

52YR old female, likes walks, animals, the arts, cinema, seeks male for companionship/LTR. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367851

JOHN widower, OHAC, seeks female 55-50 for friendship, maybe more. Medway. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369814

6FT male, romantic, GSOH, caring, seeks female, 35-45 for friendship, possibly disabled. Ramsgate. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368249

FIT young male 65y old, male, medium build, dog owner, likes countryside, seeks similar active lady. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369011

38YR old male, olive skin, loving, caring, likes animals, walks, countryside, seeks blonde, slim, 25-35 for LTR. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366935

ADVENTUROUS attractive young man, 30's, great personality, seeks mature female to for LTR. East Surrey. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367157

PAUL 56, decorator, 5ft 8ins, cropped hair, loving, seeks non assertive lady for special relationship. Farham. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367191

DAVID 47, large build, blonde hair, cinema, music, seeks female for LTR. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367629

SIML good looking male, likes most things, seeks female for friendship and more. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366631

HAZEL blonde, 62, pretty, cuddly, N/S, non drinker, seeks genuine, attractive male, 55-65 for fun and friendship. Ramsgate. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368622

ROSE 61, seeks genuine, attractive male with GSOH for friendship, maybe more. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363619

GENUINE 53, steve 53, slim, GSOH, great personality, seeks genuine female for friendship, maybe more. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363793

DONNA 35, medium sum of 3, seeks male with GSOH, 35-40, Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364215

RICHARD dark hair, blue eyes, 5ft 6ins, medium build, easygoing, loving, likes theatre, cinema, meals out, walks, countryside, seeks female, 37-60 for LTR. Ashford. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366625

FIT 2ft 5ins, brown hair, blue eyes, 5ft 6ins, medium build, easygoing, loving, likes theatre, cinema, meals out, walks, countryside, seeks female, 37-60 for LTR. Kent. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366622

PAUL 47, large build, blonde hair, cinema, music, seeks female for LTR. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367629

CHRISTIANNE 53, steve 53, slim, GSOH, great personality, seeks genuine female for friendship, maybe more. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368602

GOOD looking 41 yr old male, looking to make someone laugh and smile. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371211

CHRISTIANNE 53, steve 53, slim, GSOH, great personality, seeks genuine female for friendship, maybe more. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368602

FUN loving professional male, 42, OHAC, independent, likes good things, seeks warm, sincere, fun loving female for LTR. Animals/children welcome. Gillingham. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 368674

WILLING good looking male, likes most things, seeks female for friendship and more. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366631

NICE guy 31, CD, 5ft 7ins, seeking an older gentle. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366186

ACTIVE gay male, 80, likes cinema, music, seeks affectionate friendship with similar 75-85yr old male. East Kent. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369573

IAN 42, inexperienced bisexual male seeks male for fun times. Dartford. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367829

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BLONDE tanned female, trendy, 46, GSOH, likes walks, pubs, nights in, seeks male. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384852

JANE 27, caring, bubbly, likes nights out, cinema, bowling, DVDs, seeks male for fun and friendship. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349999

OLD fashioned girl, 49, fun, friendly, seeks mature male for fun, maybe more. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363209

FEMALE 64, brown/grey hair, medium build, honest, caring, loving, seeks similar in male, 30-60 for friendship/relationship. Medway. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364253

UNIQUE attractive black female, 37, slim, enjoys music, reading, theatre, nature, WLM genuine gent, 37-49 to share laughter and life. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363818

ANNE 61, 5ft 5ins, medium build, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361243

SUZANNE 35, beautiful blonde, seeks male for chats and a relaxing glass of wine anytime. ACA, status unimportant. City area. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 342527

PROFESSIONAL black lady, 44, 5ft 3ins, medium build, seeks genuine, caring, professional guy, 40-54, any race for relationship. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359586

CARING genuine single mum seeks male for LTR. Tel: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 358719

CLARE 31, likes swimming,

# STAGE & ARTS

## Pygmalion Summer rep season starts

**Memorial Theatre,  
Hilderstone, Broadstairs**  
Thursday to Sunday, July 28-31  
01843 580389

THE Sarah Thorne Theatre Club's fourth summer repertory season commences on Thursday, July 28, with Pygmalion by George Bernard Shaw. The production is directed by Michael Friend. Henry Higgins wants to win his bet and Eliza Doolittle wants to learn to speak like a lady in a flower shop. How much can one human being change another? The play will be performed on Thursday and Friday, July 28-29, at 7.30pm; on Saturday, July 29, at 2.30pm and 7.30pm; and Sunday, July 31, at 6.30pm. Tickets cost £11 for members and £13 for non-members. The next play in the season is Neil Simon's classic comedy Barefoot In The Park.



## Imagery Cat has first solo display

**Space Gallery,  
Old High Street, Folkestone**  
Sunday, July 24  
07989 965883

ROYAL College Of Art graduate Cat Roissetter has her first solo show at the new independent gallery in Folkestone. Her illustrations reveal a complex imagination. She is inspired by the Surrealists, in particular the poetry of Andre Breton and Georges Bataille, and intrigued by what she calls "the uncanny connections one can make between reality and the subconscious". Fairytales and myth are integral themes to the imagery she creates. A spokesman for the gallery said: "We find that the almost scientific process that she goes through to create her etchings is incredible in itself. Her finished work is spellbinding and cannot fail to draw you in. "Her pieces allow you to share something really personal. Through her incredibly detailed visual storytelling she can evoke a range of emotions, which we find special." The gallery is open Wednesday to Sunday, 10am-4pm. For more information, email Sam Shorten at spacewoman@spaceseven.co.uk.

## Dance Company has a new home

**Stour Centre,  
Ashford**  
January 2012  
www.jasminvardimon.com

A FLAGSHIP dance company is moving to Ashford. The Jasmin Vardimon Company (JVC) is setting up its permanent home at the town's Stour Centre.

The company is dedicated to the choreography of its award-winning artistic director, who is also an Associate Artist at Sadler's Wells. Renowned for her style, which combines physical theatre, strong characterisation, innovative technologies, text and dance, Vardimon accentuates her work with observation of human behaviour. The company's works are widely accessible through their exposure of human experience, social relevance, high quality, passion, skill and commitment. It tours nationally and internationally. JVC will create new work, develop creative collaborations and establish a laboratory for educational activities. It is hoped the new home will become a hub for creativity in the area and raise the profile of dance in the region. Vardimon said: "It is my hope that we can be the catalyst for an explosion of creativity in Ashford, to build a centre where work is researched, produced and performed alongside a rich education programme." The move is supported by Ashford Borough Council and the Arts Council.



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## Rock'n'roll Journey into hyperspace

**Granville Theatre, Ramsgate**  
Thursday to Saturday,  
August 11-13  
01843 591750

THE Granville Theatre is staging a production of the smash-hit musical Return To The Forbidden Planet. The cast includes local talent who will be belting out 37 rock'n'roll numbers and take the audience on a journey into hyperspace and beyond. The musical bursts with hits such as Great Balls Of Fire, Good Vibrations and Teenager In Love. The musical is based



loosely on the 1956 film Forbidden Planet, which was a sci-fi version of William Shakespeare's The Tempest. Tickets cost £12 for adults, £8.50 for under-16s and £10 for Friends. All money raised goes towards the Granville's restoration.



## Comedy Trio will cheer up Ashford

**Ashford International Hotel**  
Friday, July 29  
01233 219988  
www.hahaheehee.com

A TRIO of stand-ups is appearing at this gig in Ashford. Headlining is Rudi Lickwood, a top comic whose recent achievements include being named in the Black 100+ awards for black achievers. Supporting is Paul Pirie, above,

who began stand-up after giving up acting and who has quickly established himself on the Scottish circuit. Pirie started stand-up in 2004 when he was living with his gran, having given away the keys to his flat in a pub quiz. Since then his career has encompassed TV, film and radio alongside his stand-up. MC for the night is Sally Anne Hayward, who has been the warm-up act for Channel 4's Deal Or No Deal. Tickets cost £23, including a two-course meal, or £16 for comedy only. Over-18s only; doors open at 7.30pm and show time is 9pm.

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Summer is a time for family fun and here are some great ideas on what to wear when you really want to relax in the sunshine. There are some ideas for women – with the beach in mind – as well as some great looks for the younger members of the family when they want to enjoy the sand and sea. Not forgetting the men, with a casual look at the fore...

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# HOMES

To make the most of your walls and flooring, Topps Tiles has produced a style guide that combines colour and patterns to get the best look for your rooms

**T**HE main development with tiles has been that they are seen less as a purely practical purchase and are becoming part of the main focal point to create a desired design. We're starting to see tiles with patterns to bring subtle interest to walls in kitchens.

For a vintage effect in the kitchen, use tiles with a geometrical pattern which feature heritage colours and chic designs. Using a grey grout with white tiles will give this look some authenticity.

For interest, use a mosaic on the floor in the kitchen area – such as honeycomb.

For a traditional look, incorporate a random pattern with intricate decorative tiles in a focal area, such as a splashback, and combine a selection of décor designs for a personal touch. Mosaics are becoming a big trend as they are so versatile – you can create an entire feature wall for impact, to use as a splashback, or to add colour to plain tiles, create a border, create a focal strip, or mix and match textures.

Mosaics can also be used as a border to create sections throughout the room. Use metallic finishes and embossed patterns to add a little more interest and depth to the tile – there are a lot more ranges that have a metallic finish and embossed patterns. Smaller wall tiles in kitchens remain a favourite, while large-format tiles are increasing in popularity elsewhere in the home.

For those on a budget, use natural tones but combine subtle shades with a sequence of block pattern that will tease out tones in a wider country scheme.

Alternatively, combine on-trend monochrome tiles which feature texture for an effective modern look. Offering a contemporary twist on tradition, fuse classic design with contemporary style with the natural beauty of woodgrain-effect tiles.

The resurgence of wood-effect tiles is ideal for kitchens combining style, design and functionality to achieve the look and ambience that is desired, at the same time as using the kitchen how you intend, whether to socialise, cook, or both.

Reflect zones by mixing and matching ceramic in the kitchen area with real-wood flooring in the dining area, which reflects the trend for a multipurpose kitchen living space.

Reflect the trend to inject colour – iridescent mosaic tiles bring a touch of glamour into a kitchen. Their versatility allows you to create a unique design using sheets of mosaic to create a vertical or horizontal feature. Many ranges are suitable for walls and floors so you can even



■ Glistening and colourful tiles make an area seem larger and lighter, ensuring that functional rooms can be turned into decorative parts of the home

continue elements of the feature throughout the room. Mix and match contrasting colours, finishes and textures to create depth and a dramatic look – black and white or colours.

Try contrasting vibrant colours from the same range, an on-trend brick style tile gives an eclectic style, while using glass will create a high modern look.

With the kitchen being a high-traffic area, stone flooring is definitely more hard-wearing than most other flooring options and has a timeless appeal. Available in an array of materials and finishes – limestone, travertine,

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Stone flooring also benefits by being suitable for underfloor heating and is water-resistant so quite versatile to the kitchen. Large-format tiles are almost replacing more traditional sizes – they create a seamless finish, continue and enhance the trend for open-plan living, making a kitchen feel larger.

Using the same tile on the wall as on the floor

creates a beautiful seamless finish and makes the room feel much bigger. Stone flooring looks equally as beautiful in a traditional setting using classic styles and you can incorporate the grout as part of the design, for example using a darker grout with light tiles for a shabby-chic look.

Stone flooring does require care and maintenance to enhance the longevity of the product. If the sealers and enhancers are not used correctly, this could result in staining. Always wipe grout off at an angle and not down the grout lines as this will just pull out the grout.

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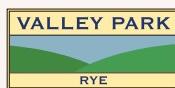
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## In a C-Class of its own

**Mercedes overtakes BMW 3-Series as top compact executive car**

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# Merc topples 3 Series

By Sam Davison

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IT HAS been a whispering campaign and some are still deaf to it, but the BMW 3-Series has lost its crown as the best compact executive car.

The new king is the current Mercedes-Benz C-Class, launched in 2007.

Since then, the sharp-looking Merc has reeled in the idiosyncratically-styled Beemer and the C-Class should now be first choice for those who want to have their executive cake and eat it.

Mercedes-Benz has waited a long time to overturn the BMW – since launching its original 'Baby Benz', the 190, back in the 80s, in fact.

And the C-Class that finally achieved this is now even better following a facelift in March.

As is the way with the German premium marques, this is not a visual bonanza. Mercedes might say the car (priced from £25,525) includes some 2,000 new bits and pieces, but you'd be hard pressed to notice on the outside where the aerodynamic body wears tweaks to lights, grille and bumper.

The dashboard and cabin, however, are far more integrated than before – this was the car's Achilles' heel – and has excellent stowage and nice touches such as rear reading lights. The seats are comfortable and rear space is good, though it is still really only a four-seater when talking about long journeys for adults.

Already-impressive safety equipment has been upgraded, too.

The boot is large for this sector and the classy estate version is one of the best at offering 'lifestyle image' plus practical load lugging.

Where the C-Class still cannot quite match its BMW rival is in the ultimate economy/ecological area – increasingly important to company-car-man now that taxes hit him so hard in the pocket.

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**POLE POSITION:**  
Mercedes C-Class has overtaken the BMW 3-Series in the executive market

to dominate 3-Series sales by a huge margin. On the other hand, economy/efficiency seems more balanced across the C-Class range. Powertrains were revised last year, but the seamless seven-speed auto gearbox is now available on junior models, too.

And unless you want an out-and-out performance model, you get M-B's BlueEfficiency eco-package as standard now on petrol and diesel models, something I applaud, rather than have eco (and tax)-aware buyers pay a premium for a greener car.

Our test model was a mid-range diesel, the C220 BlueEfficiency Sport saloon with that seven-speed auto box (£30,980). You can have a six-speed manual and save about £1,600, but the auto really does give you the best of both worlds and should hold its value better.

And you will want to test the auto's versatility when selecting the gears yourself because this is where the C-Class has kept all its

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old comfortable virtues and beaten the BMW at its own game, for the Merc can be both family cruiser and executive boy-racer, hugging the bends with great poise and reassurance.

Based on our experience, you also couldn't ask for better power than the C220 (2,143cc) test car: with 170bhp and twin turbochargers, it is lively (0-62mph in 8.1 seconds) and yet has an official combined mpg of 58.9 – the manual is more economical but slower off the mark.

As a real world test, I set the standard-fit cruise control to 70mph on the motorway and saw the computer reeling off figures around 50mpg.

Our car also looked the business in black with the Sport grille, which highlights another possible C-Class secret of success: the option to go for a model with a traditional Merc grille topped by the famous three-pointed star, or a coupe-style version with a big star embedded in the grille itself – the latter makes a difference with the sharp-suited brigade, believe me.

## First GEAR

### MOTORING NEWS



### Make most of Skoda offers

SKODA has launched a trio of deals. The Czech marque, which sold 10.5 per cent more cars last year, offers no-VAT on Skoda Finance deals, including 0 per cent packages.

A personal contract plan is also available, with three years' free servicing and no VAT – making a 1.2 SE Plus from the Fabia range, pictured, just £209 a month.



### Toyota pick-up given new look

TOYOTA has updated its 'indestructible' Hilux – the pick-up that Top Gear famously couldn't kill.

Most notable change is an all-new front end and more car-like environment inside.

It's greener, too, and on sale from October, priced from £16,090 for the HL2 4WD Single Cab sold as a commercial vehicle.



### Renault rides like the Wind

THERE'S a famous name blowing in the Wind at Renault, which has married its facing racing and rallying brand Gordini with its tiny folding hardtop go-kart Wind roadster and priced it from £15,195.

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Selwyn Cooper, Volvo UK's national sales manager, said: "We have made these vehicles more enjoyable and as cost-efficient as possible to drive."

"With that comes lower CO<sub>2</sub>, which means company-car-drivers have a widened choice of vehicles powered by larger engines without the

expected hike in the amount of tax they would have to pay."

According to Volvo, fuel consumption of an S80 D5 manual, for instance, is now an impressive 57.7mpg with 129g/km of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, placing it in the 18 per cent benefit-in-kind tax bracket.

Furthermore, the Volvo V70, XC70 and S80 have been upgraded with new interior and exterior equipment, including the latest user-friendly Volvo Sensus infotainment system, and are available to order now, with prices for D5 versions starting at £30,100 for the V70, £31,135 for the S80 and £32,765 for the all-wheel-drive XC70.

## iPod Touch and £500 in fuel up for grabs in the Lexus Hybrid Challenge

PREMIUM brand Lexus has made a tempting offer to promote its groundbreaking petrol-electric hybrid models.

It's called the Hybrid Challenge and those who take it up at Kent dealers Lexus Tunbridge Wells and Lexus Canterbury could win prizes: £500 worth of free fuel, or an iPod Touch, or something from the top-notch Lexus merchandise range.

Paul Stapylton, brand manager for the two sites, said: "We have invited 1,500 people on our database, but anyone can take up the challenge. All they need do is come into one of the centres during the Challenge (Monday,

July 25, to Sunday, August 7) and drive our latest Lexus CT200, pictured, on a predefined route where we will monitor the miles per gallon and then write this on the Top Gear-style Leader board in the showrooms.

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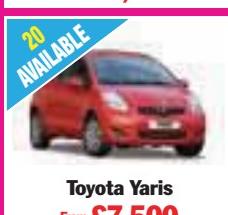
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**Sport****GP3 SERIES****Quaife-Hobbs heads to Germany after F1 test**

ADRIAN Quaife-Hobbs resumes his GP3 season at the Nurburgring this weekend following a second successful Formula One test drive.

The Tonbridge racer completed more than 120 miles for Marussia Virgin Racing at RAF Cottesmore in Leicestershire as the team carried out further evaluation work.

"It was a very productive day and the car once again was a pleasure to drive," the 20-year-old said. "To be asked back for a second time really underlines their faith in me, which is particularly rewarding and I hope proved useful to them."

Quaife-Hobbs sits seventh in GP3, 11 points adrift of series leader Alexander Sims.

**INDYCAR SERIES****Conway keen to shine on latest Canada trip**

A SECOND trip to Canada in as many weeks offers Mike Conway another chance to revive his fortunes in the IndyCar Series.

The 27-year-old, from Sevenoaks, has not recorded a top-10 finish in the championship since the Sao Paulo Indy 300 back at the start of May, when he came home sixth.

Conway's season with Andretti Autosport has proved frustrating at times. He was fastest in practice at the Honda Indy Toronto earlier this month, but was forced to retire after being involved in a multi-car smash.

He lies 16th in the driver standings ahead of Sunday's race in Edmonton.

**MOTORSPORT****Langridge on course to complete Fiesta win**

JOHN Langridge took another step towards lifting the Ford Fiesta Championship after a rain-affected race weekend at Donington Park.

The Hawkhurst driver, 27, qualified in pole position for race one, but was forced to start from the pit lane after one of his wheel nut studs snapped. He battled back, however, to finish second by less than half a second.

In race two, Langridge's car skidded on oil and he dropped back to fourth, although he kept his composure to come through and win by almost 15 seconds.

Langridge could now wrap up the championship at Snetterton on the weekend of August 14.

**JUDO****Yeats-Brown heads to youth Olympic festival**

TEENAGE judo player Katie-Jemima Yeats-Brown is in Turkey to represent Great Britain at the European Youth Olympic Festival.

The Tonbridge Judo Club member, 16, will compete in the under-63 kilogram category at the event in Trabzon.

Team GB have 11 judoka at the competition, running from Saturday through to July 30. More than 3,000 athletes from 48 countries are involved in the festival, which includes athletics, cycling, gymnastics, judo, swimming, tennis, basketball, handball and volleyball.

The British competitors, all aged between 13 and 17, are geared up for their first experience of competing in a multi-sport environment.

**TOURING CARS****Motorbase eye Adam as potential third driver**

**By Steve Tervet**

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PLANS to run a third car in this season's British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) remain alive for Motorbase Performance although a quick return for former driver Jonathan Adam looks unlikely.

Adam, 26, drove for Motorbase in the BTCC in 2009 and was at Brands Hatch last week to test their Ford Focus alongside championship challenger Mat Jackson and Porsche Carrera Cup driver George Richardson.

Motorbase, based in Wrotham, compete as Airwaves racing in the BTCC. Team principal David Bartrum was impressed by Adam's display at the test, but insisted they would only agree on a new driver deal when the time was right.

He said: "The test was very good, Jonny had a run-in in the car to see what he thinks and to help with the workload, with what Mat Jackson was trying to do.

"He knows Motorbase and he was only a tenth off Mat's time, so it was useful both from a driver point of view and as far as the car's concerned.

"The key to having a third driver is to have a good team driver, but it all comes down to budgets and finances. Would I like Jonny in the car? Yes. Is it going to happen instantly? No. If you haven't got the money, the car can't go out and we need extra spares to cover it.

"Basically, we're going with two cars at the moment and it'll be towards the end of the season if we do get another car out. I'd love to have

three cars straight away, but we don't quite have the budget at the moment."

Bartrum's team have worked on the Focus to improve its stability and speed since the BTCC reached its halfway point at Croft last month.

Jackson, with three race wins and a further four podium finishes to his name, is leading Airwaves' charge not only for the independent teams' trophy but the overall drivers' championship. He trails Honda Racing's Matt Neal, the championship leader, by just nine points after crucially winning race three at Croft.

"It's nice to go into the big season break like that," Bartrum said. "We've done quite a bit of work on the suspension to make the car more stable and faster.

"We don't want to ruin the balance of what we've already got [by bringing a third driver in at the wrong time]. We're doing quite well, we're second in the championship and we're leading

the independents.

"It's a good situation to be in, we had a good finish to the first-half of the season and we've caught Matt Neal up. We've had a lot of podiums, a lot of wins and it's quite nice to have the bragging rights that come with it. Mat's driven brilliantly and the team have worked very hard to get us where we are."

Should Kirkaldy-born Adam re-join Motorbase further down the line, he will bring with him a strong motorsport CV.

A Scottish karting champion as a youngster, he won the Renault Clio Cup in 2005 and finished third in the SEAT Cupra Championship behind Jackson the following season. Adam returned to take the SEAT crown in 2007.

Driving the BMW 320si for Motorbase in the 2009 BTCC, he picked up two podium finishes on his way to an eighth-placed finish in the championship.

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**WINNER:** Steven Fennell leads the 800m final

**ATHLETICS****Fennell sets sights on worlds final after English title win**

TONBRIDGE athlete Steven Fennell followed in the footsteps of middle-distance legend Steve Cram last weekend when he won the 800-metres at the English Athletics Championships.

The 25-year-old led for more than a lap to win in 1.49.87 at Bedford. While pleased with the win, though, he was keen to put the achievement into perspective.

"It's nice to be on that trophy, when you look at the other names on there," Fennell said. "I'm pleased to have the title, I suppose, but it was quite a weak field so I can't take too much credit. Last year, the field was a lot stronger because they had the Commonwealth trials."

Fennell, sidelined for much of the last four years with niggling injuries, now turns his attentions to the UK Championships and World Championships trials at Birmingham later this month.

One of three Tonbridge Athletic Club runners

heading to the event, alongside Robbie Farmham-Rose (1500m) and Andy Combs (5000m), Fennell knows the margins between success and failure are likely to be minute.

"I'm looking to make the final, that's the first aim," he said. "The 800m is so competitive at the moment, there are 10 guys all with very similar times so you could medal or not even make the final."

"This is my first full season for five years, because I was out injured for four years. It's the first season where I've raced consistently and been able to worry about my times, rather than worrying about injuries."

"I'm enjoying it, especially with all the other lads at Tonbridge doing so well. I'm struggling to keep up. They're superb, Sean Molloy, George Duggan and Robbie Farmham-Rose, they're running phenomenal times."

The championships run from July 29-31.



Picture: NICK DUNGAN

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# Holmesdale captain learning fast as side bid to beat dreaded drop

**By Steve Tervet**

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**SURVIVAL** in Kent League Division Two remains within reach for Holmesdale with skipper Mark Epps insisting he is confident in his side's ability to turn their season around.

Epps, who took over the captaincy from Stuart Brown during the winter, has been on a steep learning curve.

His second game in charge ended in a four-wicket defeat at Harvel, who chased down 293 to win after Epps had declared with two overs remaining and Holmesdale 292 for 8.

The Sevenoaks side have struggled for results ever since, winning only once in 11 attempts. They sit second-bottom in the division ahead of Saturday's game against Catford and Cyphers, but Epps remains level-headed about his side's situation.

He said: "We're disappointed with where we are in the table, but that's the result of being on the wrong end of four or five close games. We've lost by eight runs and we've failed to get the last wicket, and that's the difference between getting six points and 20."

"We're by no means demoralised and we're still very much in the mix because of the number of bowling and batting points."

"I don't know if I believe in luck. You can cite various instances, away to Harvel I declared on 290 after 48 overs and they chased it down in the 52nd over, so maybe that decision was incorrect. Also, we dropped a guy on three who went on to make a hundred. We're a young side, learning through that experience."

Epps has flourished with the bat so far this season, hitting 130 in the Harvel defeat and topping the club's runs charts with 482 runs at an average of 48.2.

The new challenges of captaining the side have proved more of a test, however, with player unavailability plaguing his attempts to name a settled side throughout the campaign. Now, though, he feels he has almost cracked it.

He said: "It's my first year as skipper and I know the players very well but tactics, strategy and how to get the best out of them is always tough. We haven't had full availability, but we've



**LEARNING CURVE:** Mark Epps faces a challenge if Holmesdale are to avoid relegation this season

had a consistent core of six or seven players and that's what's kept us in the mix.

"I've learnt a lot about how to play the game and how to get the best out of the guys. That's easy to do when you're winning, but it's a challenge when you're losing to keep people motivated and believing."

"I'm at a point now where I've learnt how to do that, to get the best out of people. The quality is there but everyone has to fire on the day. This

league's always competitive, it's always tight, and we're only 20 points off fifth place."

With seven games still to play, the relegation battle is still in its infancy, but Saturday's game against mid-table Catford could prove crucial for Holmesdale.

Over the four weekends which follow, they take on the division's top four sides, including trips to face Hythe and Orpington, who occupy the promotion spots.

**CRICKET**

## Bekker looking up rather than down as Wells prepare for Sibton clash

TUNBRIDGE Wells captain Evert Bekker insists his side are still looking to get among the chasing pack in the Kent League Premier Division ahead of Saturday's trip to Sibton Park.

The Wells, who lie eighth, saw their trip to Lordswood washed out last weekend. Bekker is eager for his side to put real distance between themselves and Park, second-bottom in the table.

"They've just come up, they're a steady side and they've got a couple of decent players," he said. "The first game between us was quite a



**CONFIDENT:** Evert Bekker

closely-contested match and like us, they're low in the table so they'll be very keen for a result.

"We're very confident in our ability and the fact we should be in the Premier League. If

you look at the points, we're only one win away from being in the chasing pack so hopefully we can get that win this weekend."

After Saturday, the Wells are at home in five of their last six league games. Bekker feels their form at the Nevill will be critical if they are to make a serious move up the division.

He "We've looked at that as being in our favour because our form at home has been pretty good on the whole. Aside from the Bexley game, we've performed pretty well and we enjoy playing at home, in familiar conditions."

**CRICKET**

## Blackheath trip offers Sevenoaks a shot at revenge for painful defeat

SEVENOAKS Vine travel to Blackheath on Saturday determined to eradicate the memory of their comprehensive defeat in the reverse fixture back in May.

A reasonable bowling display by the home side kept Blackheath to 232 for 9 from their 55 overs, but Sevenoaks fell painfully short of their victory target. Only wicketkeeper Anthony Shales (38) made a score of any note as the Vine were bowled out for 125, crashing to defeat by 107 runs.

However, a glance at the Kent League Premier Division table highlights Blackheath's



**FIRIED UP:** Sevenoaks Vine

inconsistency. They sit two places seven points below fifth-placed Sevenoaks, having won four and lost four of their 11 games so far.

In Division One, Tenterden make the short trip to face

their struggling neighbours, Ashford Town. Sitting comfortably in mid-table, Tenterden are looking to extend an unbeaten run on the road which stretches back six weeks.

Linden Park can extend their lead at the top of Division Three with victory over Old Wilsonians. Their scheduled trip to Old Elthamians was one of many washed out last weekend.

Division Five leaders Cowdry host Walmer at Swanmead. The Tonbridge side won by five wickets when the teams met in east Kent on the third weekend of the season.

**KENT CRICKET LEAGUE****PREMIER DIVISION**

	P	W	WD	BatP	BowlP	Pts
Bexley	11	5	2	16	17	139
Bromley	11	4	3	16	21	137
Hartley Country Club	11	4	3	16	15	131
Lordswood	11	5	0	11	14	130
Sevenoaks Vine	11	4	1	13	13	124
Bickley Park	11	4	1	12	22	118
Blackheath	11	4	0	9	17	117
<b>Tunbridge Wells</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>98</b>
Sibton Park	11	2	0	17	17	74
<b>The Mote</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>67</b>

**DIVISION ONE**

	P	W	WD	BatP	BowlP	Pts
Canterbury	11	7	1	8	4	171
Beckenham	11	8	0	2	4	170
Sandwich Town	11	5	1	11	18	140
Folkestone	11	4	0	8	12	125
Whitstable	11	4	1	16	13	123
<b>Tenterden</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>107</b>
St Lawrence	11	2	0	17	15	92
Broadstairs	11	3	0	16	16	91
Ashford Town	11	1	0	12	21	70
Gore Court	11	1	0	14	23	69

**DIVISION TWO**

	P	W	WD	BatP	BowlP	Pts
Hythe	11	7	1	9	10	165
Orpington	11	5	1	10	6	145
Upchurch	11	6	1	12	8	134
Dartford	11	4	1	10	16	117
Harvel	11	3	2	14	12	110
Catford and Cyphers	11	3	0	14	17	103
HSBC	11	3	0	16	19	100
Hayes	11	2	1	17	21	89
<b>Holmesdale</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>84</b>
Gravesend	11	2	0	16	13	70

**DIVISION THREE**

	P	W	WD	BatP	BowlP	Pts
Linden Park	11	7	1	9	7	167
Bromley Common	11	7	1	7	160	
Addington Village	11	5	1	13	15	126
Old Cofeians	11	4	0	19	15	115
Catford Wanderers	11	4	0	7	13	113
Old Wilsonians	11	4	0	8	17	113
Old Elthamians	11	3	1	14	19	112
High Halstow	11	3	0	7	13	88
Minster (Sheppee)	11	2	1	12	13	71
Sidcup	11	2	0	11	19	70

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**PREMIER DIVISION (NOON START):** Blackheath v Sevenoaks Vine; Sibton Park v Tunbridge Wells

**DIVISION ONE:** Ashford Town v Tenterden

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TONBRIDGE ANGELS

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EMBARRASSED: Angels boss Tommy Warrilow

## Tommy calls for a reaction to Bees sting

TONBRIDGE Angels manager Tommy Warrilow has vowed to shake up his squad unless he gets a suitable reaction to last weekend's humbling home defeat at the hands of Brentford.

Warrilow's side shipped 10 goals without reply as their League One visitors ran riot on the opening weekend of pre-season. The Angels boss said afterwards he was "embarrassed" by his side's collapse and has now challenged them to prove the debacle was no more than a one-off.

"I definitely learned things, things that will stay in the changing-room," he said. "It's very early so I'm not going to start slating people, but if we don't liven things up, I'll have to do what I did last year."

"I don't go over the top because it's the first game and Brentford are a very good side, but perhaps my expectations and what I want from my players is too high. I thought we could have done a lot better than we did on Saturday."

"Every time we gave a goal away, we went straight back towards our own goal and gave the ball away again. We didn't learn from it and that's what disappointed me, not learning from mistakes."

Warrilow fielded several trialists in the second-half of the 10-0 defeat, although he admitted few had pushed their case for a contract at the end of a game which saw only a handful of players emerge with any credit.

He said: "The thing is, they've got to come in and be better than what I've got, that's the hard thing. I'm not going to throw them out straight away, there will be other games we can play them in, but I've got the nucleus of my squad here and it's going to be hard for them to kick the door open."

Tonbridge continue their pre-season with a trip to Kent League side Beckenham Town on Saturday, while a side comprising reserve and academy players will face Tunbridge Wells at Ruxhall on the same day.

For a match report and reaction from the Angels' home game against League Two Gillingham on Thursday night, log on to [www.kentsport.co.uk](http://www.kentsport.co.uk).

TONBRIDGE ANGELS

# Decision to turn down rivals easy for Collin

By Steve Tervet

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FRANNIE Collin has revealed he turned down offers from several of Tonbridge Angels' Conference South rivals before agreeing to sign a new one-year contract at Longmead.

The 24-year-old hit 23 goals in all competitions as Tonbridge gained promotion through the Ryman Premier Division play-offs last season and his performances unsurprisingly attracted interest from elsewhere.

Collin, a former England under-18 international, admitted he was flattered by the approaches but insisted none had seriously tempted him to leave the Angels and cited manager Tommy Warrilow as a key factor in his decision to pen a new deal.

He said: "There were a couple of offers but obviously Tom asked us all to speak with him first before we made any decisions. There were a few in this league we're going into, but I was never tempted.

"As soon as I knew we were promoted, there was no way I was going to go anywhere else, it was an easy decision. There's maybe a few clubs that if I had gone, the fans wouldn't have forgiven me, but I was happy to re-sign."

"It would have taken a big, big offer from elsewhere for me to want to go anywhere because we had a great year last year. We've got a great set of players and Tom's a manager that everyone wants to play for, so it wasn't a tough decision for me to decide to stay."



CHANCE: Chris Henry has finally made his debut

**STAYING:**  
Angels  
striker Frannie  
Collin says  
he was never  
tempted to  
leave this  
summer

"He lets players go out and play the way they're confident in playing. He doesn't ask them to do things they're not used to doing and he keeps everyone together, he keeps the changing-room tight, everyone involved and that's why everyone wants to play for him because he gets the best out of his players."

Twice the top scorer during his time with Dover Athletic, Collin will face his former side just two weeks into the new season when Tonbridge visit Crabble on August 27.

With games against Eastleigh, Welling United and Woking either side of the trip to the south-east coast, Tonbridge's opening month appears daunting on paper.

However, Collin is relishing the chance to test himself against the division's best defences and last weekend's 10-0 thumping at the hands of Brentford has done nothing to dampen his enthusiasm for the challenge ahead.

"We're straight in at the deep end but that's the best way to be," he said. "We've got quite a few of the big teams in the first six or seven games, so that's a good way to test ourselves and we'll know after those six or seven games how much of an impression we can make in that league."

"Regardless of what happened on Saturday, we've got a lot of good players here and I'm confident things will be put right and we'll make a good fist of it this season."

"It's a reality check, they're a good side, there's a lot we need to work on, but we've got to take it as minutes under our belts and it's a bit of fitness. They showed us what we've got to work on and we've got three or four weeks now before the season starts to get it right."

"There's no point going through pre-season and chalking wins against lower teams if you don't test yourselves. You've got to take the negatives out of it and turn them into positives."

TONBRIDGE ANGELS

## Henry eager to shine for Angels after ending four month wait to start career

THE bizarre tale of Chris Henry's Tonbridge career opened a more positive chapter last weekend when the winger finally made his first appearance for the Angels.

Henry signed from Carshalton Athletic in dramatic fashion on March 31, with Tonbridge manager Tommy Warrilow sealing the deal just five minutes before the transfer window closed for business.

Having arrived at Longmead with a slight hamstring injury, Henry was prepared to watch from the sidelines for two weeks before throwing himself into the club's push for promotion from the Ryman Premier Division.

However, he was to play no part in the run-in at all. Regis-

tration forms for the midfielder did not reach the Ryman League in time and he was prohibited from appearing for his new club until the season had ended.

An anxious wait followed as Henry watched his new teammates squeeze into a play-off spot and then edge out Lowestoft Town 4-3 in a thrilling final at Longmead.

"It was frustrating but you've got to keep your head up in those situations," he said. "Some of the Ryman forms got lost, Carshalton took a bit long, so it never worked out for me. I was still coming to matches, watching, getting to know the boys and now I've got my chance."

That chance first material-

ised when the Angels started their pre-season friendly programme with a home game against Brentford last Saturday.

Henry came off the bench to play the second-half and his thrusting runs from wide on the left provided a rare glimmer of encouragement for the home faithful as their side slid to a painful 10-0 defeat.

"I'm itching to get started, to show the fans what I'm made of," Henry said. "That's why Saturday's game motivated me so much. The lads have been alright, they've been supportive, but I just couldn't wait to play on Saturday."

Henry is likely to get another chance to impress against Beckenham on Saturday.



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# Transfer whirlwind beginning to sink in for Biarritz new boy

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DAN Caprice admits he is still coming to terms with life in the top division of French rugby following his decision to quit the England Sevens team in favour of a dream move to Biarritz.

The 21-year-old utility back signed a two-year deal with the club last month and moved to the south-west coast of France three weeks ago.

While the prospect of competing for a place in one of Europe's top teams looms large on the horizon, the former Sevenoaks schoolboy has more pressing immediate concerns. As well as learning French, Caprice is altering his weekly lifestyle to fit with professional club rugby after spending two seasons on the World Series sevens circuit.

He said: "I'm taking it in my stride, but now and again I have to pinch myself, it's like 'what are you doing here, in France, playing 15s for Biarritz?' It all happened so quickly, I didn't have time to think about it and now it seems normal, I feel at home."

"It's gone smoother than I thought it would, because my French isn't too hot, but a lot of the boys here speak English."

"I haven't really trained full-time since I left school, but now we train from 8.30am to 2pm. In sevens, you get long rests, you'll train in the morning and then have three hours off and train again in the evening."

"I've found it a lot more full-on since I've been here and with pre-season, it's a bit of a shock to the system. I've put on about four kilograms, that's been the biggest difference, because I was 10kg lighter than anyone else when I got here."

As a youngster, coming through the ranks at Medway and then Maidstone, Caprice harboured distant ambitions of one day playing in France, where flair

players have traditionally blossomed.

Having been picked up by the Saracens Academy and then moved on to Blackheath, he seemed to have found himself in the right place at the right time when the Rugby Football Union offered him a central contract as part of the England sevens set-up.

Success on the World Series stage, combined with an appearance at last October's Commonwealth Games in India, brought him to the attentions of the coaching staff at Biarritz, although he said his move to the French giants had been a whirlwind affair.

"I knew they were interested before [the sevens event at] Twickenham but nothing was really said until two weeks before I got out here," he explained. "It took a while to sort out the contract so I kept quiet until it was definite."

"I had to commit or not, and I'm only 21, so it was a great opportunity to go and play rugby in France, which was something I'd always wanted to do. I spoke to my parents and my friends about it and they all said it'd be a good thing for my rugby."

"[Sevens] was a massive thing, the biggest thing I've done so far in rugby, so to walk away was hard. I spoke to Ben [Ryan, coach] and he said the door's always open and if I don't like it, I could always come back."

"It's unknown, I don't know how good Biarritz will be, but I'll give it a go and if I don't like it, I'm not too far from home."

"It's a new challenge and I haven't played a lot of 15s, so it's like a whole new sport. However, a lot of my skill sets cross over so it's not as big a jump as people think."

Caprice could face English opposition almost immediately as Premiership sides Bristol and London Irish are both scheduled to fly in for pre-season warm-up games.



NEW CHALLENGE: Dan Caprice has started life with Biarritz

**RUGBY**

IMPRESSED: Oaks head coach Danny Vaughan

## Vaughan encouraged by Sevenoaks start

NEW Sevenoaks head coach Danny Vaughan has been impressed by the quality on display at pre-season training during his first month in the job at Knole Paddock.

Vaughan, appointed as James Leverington's successor in June, admits he is still learning the names of his players, but praised their attitude and commitment in the build-up to the new London 2 South East season.

He said: "Numbers have been good, we had 35 at the first session, their enthusiasm was good and I was quite impressed. There was a mixture of younger players up to the more experienced heads and a few of the academy players."

"One of my big aims is to integrate the academy players into the senior squad and it was good to see a range of age groups at training."

"We've been playing a lot of small-sided games, touch rugby, with running in between. That way, it keeps people interested because if you send them out for an hour to run up and down, you tend to lose players."

Vaughan's first season in charge also sees the Oaks' first XV led by new captain, George Roffey. The pair have already worked together to plan elements of pre-season and Vaughan says the partnership will be key to a successful campaign.

"He's very important for me as a coach," he said. "He's very enthusiastic and he's doing much more than just captaining the side. There's been a lot of canvassing around the town and George has done a lot of work on that."

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS**

## Larkin calms fears of style change after Wells sign Crouch-like striker

TUNBRIDGE Wells manager Martin Larkin insists the arrival of target man Andy Irvine will not change the way his side plays in the Kent League this season.

Irvine, who joined the club from Woodstock Sports last week, provides a genuine aerial threat up front in place of the more diminutive Keelan Mooney, who moved to Whistable Town in May. However, Larkin's favoured passing style is not about to be shelved.

"It does give us a Plan B but Andy's got a fantastic touch," he said. "A lot of his work is done with the ball at his feet,



NEW FACE: Striker Andy Irvine

around the box. He's exceptional in the air but he's also got two good feet. If things aren't going right, though, if we need to go more direct, he gives us that option."

Irvine got himself on the

scoresheet in Saturday's 3-2 win on the 3G surface at East Grinstead Town, with Carl Cornell and Jack Harris also on target for the visitors.

Larkin said: "It was pleasing because we got both elements, a good workout in a pre-season game and a good win."

"The lads are used to training on a pitch like that, but it's not quite right for a game. We had to get it into them not to treat it like a training game."

Andy Boyle (holiday) and Andy McMath (family commitments) will both miss Saturday's game against a Tonbridge Angels XI.

**SEVENOAKS TOWN**

## Town boss denies FA Vase opponents sighter by cancelling friendly clash

SEVENOAKS Town's pre-season plans have been thrown into chaos after drawing Three Bridges out of the hat in the FA Vase.

Darren Anslow's side were due to play Bridges on Tuesday night, but the Town boss cancelled the pre-season friendly, fearing the West Sussex club could gain an advantage ahead of the cup tie in September.

Anslow told the club's website: "I don't think Three Bridges were too happy about me calling the game off, but I made the decision following the Vase draw."

Meanwhile, Sevenoaks must



PITCH ISSUE: Greatness Park

now wait until the visit of Otford United on August 3 for their first run-out on home turf.

Anslow has fears over the playing surface at Greatness Park and wants to give the pitch more time before testing

it in a game situation.

Instead of hosting Kent Invicta League side Bearsted on July 30, Sevenoaks will now face a much sterner test away to Ryman Division One North side Tilbury on the same day.

"The chance to play against a side like Tilbury is a good opportunity for us, building up to the new season," Anslow said.

Sevenoaks will start the new Kent League season away to Holmesdale on August 13, with local rivals Tunbridge Wells visiting on August 29.

The return fixture at Culverden Stadium will be played on Boxing Day.

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